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INTRODUCTION.

The town of Topsfield, without doubt derives its name from the parish of Toppesfield, in the county of Essex, England. Samuel Symonds, the Assistant and Deputy Governor, who owned land in Topsfield and lived in Ipswich, had emigrated from the English parish and his children had been baptised in its church—St. Margaret's. The name "Toppesfield" was applied to this locality as early as March 21, 1642 when John Winthrop, jr. sold land lying near Mr. Symonds grant, to Henry Parks of London. The deed describes the land as lying partly in "the Hamlett Village or place called Toppesfield in the parish of Ipswich."*

The several acts of the Great and General Court relating to the founding and incorporation of the town are as follows:—

"Whereas the inhabitants of Salem have agreed to plant a village neare the ryver w^{ch} runs to Ipswich, it is ordered, that all the land neare their bounds, between Salem & the said ryver, not belonging to any other towne or person, by any former grant, shall belong to the said village."

Mass. Colony Records, 5 Nov. 1639.

"Whereas, at the Co^rt houlden at Boston the 4th, 7th m^o 1639, there was certaine land lying neare Ipswich Ryver granted for a village, eith^r to some of the inhabitants of Salem, or to some of the inhabitants of Ipswich, who have farmes near unto the said land, to bee enjoyed by those who first setteled a village there; they both ppounding for it togeth^r; howsoev^r the ord^r mentioneth only Salem inhabitants, & forasmuch as the said inhabitants of Ipswich have for neare this two years pcured & maintained one to dispence the word of God unto them, w^{ch} they intend to continue, it is therefore ordered & granted, that

*See Historical Collections of the Topsfield Historical Society, Vol. VI, pp. 40-41.

M^r J^{no} Endecott & the said inhabitants of Ipswich, viz., M^r Bradstreete, M^r Symonds, M^r Whittingham, M^r Willi: Paine, M^r Rob^t Paine, & such oth^r of Ipswich or Salem as they shall associate to themselves, shall have lib^{ty} to settle a village neare the said ryver of Ipswich, as it may bee most convenient for them, to w^{ch} the foresaid land shall belong, viz., all that w^{ch} lieth neare the said ryver (not form^{ly} granted to any towne or pson), p^{ro}vided that any of the inhabitants of Salem, who have farmes neare unto the said land now granted, shall have liberty for one yeare next comeing to joyne wth the said village, & to have their equall & p^{ro}portionable priviledge in the same."

Mass. Colony Records, 17 Oct. 1643.

"Upon Zacheus Goulds petition, it is conceived to be for the gen^{ral}l good, & very convenient there should be a village about that farme, & that the towne of Ipswich should further them therein."

Mass. Colony Records, 29 May 1644.

"Forasmuch as y^s Co^{rt} hath form^{ly} granted y^t y^r should be a village upon Ipswich Ryver, at or neare a place called y^e New Medowes, & forasmuch as c^{te}ine of y^e inhabitants of Ipswich who have farmes imp^{ro}ved neer y^r unto, & do desire y^t a minist^r might be settleed y^r to dispence y^e word to y^e p^{re}sent inhabitants & such oth^{rs} as shall plant y^mselues at y^e said village, whom yet notwthstanding they are no wayes able in any comfortable mann^r to mainetaine a minister, & to defray oth^r necessary charges of y^e place, if wthall they should be lyable to all other rates & publike charges of y^e towne of Ipswich.

"This Co^{rt} doth therefore hereby order, y^t either y^e whole towne of Ipswich shall equally contribute (wth such oth^r inhabitants as have lands in or neere y^e said village) to y^e maintenance of a minister, & all other publike charges incident to such a village, or else y^e foresaid inhabitants, y^t have lands neer y^e said village, & shall contribute to y^e maintenance of a minister y^r & oth^r necessary charges, shalbe freed from^m all mann^r of rates, charges, or contributions to y^e towne of Ipswich for their land or stock in or belonging to y^e said village."

Mass. Colony Records, 1 Oct. 1645.

"The Co^{rt} haveing consid^{red} of y^e great expence of time occasioned by sev^rall psons bringing their suites to y^e Co^{rt} to be tryed here, thinke it meete that Capt Smyth should pay twenty nobles for defraying y^e charge of y^s Co^{rs}, & y^e towne of Ipswich & y^e petition^{rt} of y^e Newe Medows should pay 5^l for y^e time their cause tooke up in y^s Co^{rt}, fifty shill^{gs} y^e towne, & fifty shill^{gs} y^e petition^{rs}."

Mass. Colony Records, 18 Oct. 1645.

Petition to the General Court,

"Wee Humbly Intreate this honored Court that you wold bee pleased to bestowe a name Vpon oure Village at the new medowes at Ipswich Which wee suppose may bee an Incoragment to others to Come to liue amongst vs: and alsoe a meanes to further a ministry amongst vs wee thinke hempsteed wile bee a fit name if the Court plesse to gratifie us herewith

Will Payne,
Brian Pendleton,
Zacheus Goold."

*Mass. Archives, 112. 9**

"The village at the newe medowes at Ipswich is named Toppesfeild."

Mass. Colony Records, 18 Oct. 1648.

"Vppon the request of those whom it most concernes, the village at the New Meddowes at Ipswich, shalbe henceforth called Toppesfeild."

Mass. Colony Records, 27 Oct. 1648.

"In answer to the petition of the inhabitants of Toppesfeild it is ordered by this Court that from henceforth they shalbe a towne & have power within themselves to order all civill affayres, as other townes haue."

Mass. Colony Records, 16 Oct. 1650.

"In ans^r to the request of Zacheus Gould and William Howard, in the behalfe of Toppesfeild, the Court doth graunt that Toppesfeild shall from henceforth be a towne, and haue power within themselus to order all civill affajres, as other townes haue."

Mass. Colony Records, 18 Oct. 1650.

*The deputies granted this petition, but the magistrates set the action aside and thought fit "it should be called Toppesfeild." To this decision the lower court then agreed.

TOWN CLERKS OF TOPSFIELD.

1651—1739.

WILLIAM HOWARD,	1651—1657
JOHN REDINGTON,	1657—1676
FRANCIS PEABODY,	1676—1682
JOHN GOULD,	1682—1686
EPHRAIM DORMAN,	1686—1702
SAMUEL STANLEY,	1702—1717
NATHANIEL PORTER,	1717—1720
JACOB PEABODY,	1720—1735
JOHN HOVEY,	1735—1737
JACOB PEABODY,	1737—1739

The first book of town records unfortunately was destroyed when John Redington's house was burnt in 1658.* The first book of clerk's original records now in existence, begins with the year 1675. That an earlier volume of records was in existence at that time is shown by the following extracts from the clerk's records:—

"At a lawfull meeting 7 march 75-76 it is ordered that the select men shall see that the olde book the towne book shall be transcribed into the new book and that the land on the south sid the Reuer that was layed out by deuisians to the seuerall inhabetants the select men shall see that ther lots be Recorded according as tha ware lade out

voted.

"At a lawfull Towne meting the 7th of march 1681 or 82. The Towne has Voated that ye old Towne Booke shall be Transcribed in to ye new Towne Booke all that is needfull to be don & that is not all redy don. Voated.

"Lliut pebody & John Gould are Chosen to Transcribe all ye old Towne booke in to ye newe Towne booke as is Needfull to be don Voated."

These earlier records were transcribed from time to time into "the new book," and are found incorporated in the records of the current years of 1675 to 1683. In the following copy these fragments have been arranged in chronological order.

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW.

*See Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Vol. II, p. 268.

John Redington, they are chosen for selectmen for the year folowing to order the prudentiall afaires of the towne and to setle the bounds of the towne betwene Salem and Topsfield and also to setle the bounds between the Comen (partage?) and Vs and also where they shall se any wrong done to the towne by any they haue power to rectifie by sute or otherwise
Voted.

It is further ordered and herby they are impowred to lay out fiue hundred acre [s] of land on the other side of the riuer to remaine common to perpetuity for the Vse of the inhabitants prouided none of it be meadowland
Voted.

It is further ordered that the aforesaid fiuehundred acres of land is stated to the inhabitants of the Town excepting Ensigne Howlet as one to share in the said common notwithstanding any former order
Voted

It is also ordered and the said selectmen are impowred to deuide the other parte of the common both meadow and Vpland on the other side of the riuer into three equall deuisions
Voted.

The names of the commoners that shall share in it.

Mr. Bradstreet	Tho' Perkins	Isacc Cumings senr	ffrances Bates
Mr. Perkins	Tho' Browning	Isac Cumings jur	John How
Zacheas Gould	Jacob Towne	Ensigne Howlet	Edmond Bredges
Mr. Baker	Isacc Estey	Willi' Smith	Willi' Nicholse
Tho' Dorman	Willi' Towne	Mr. Endicoat	Vseltone lot
ffrances Pebody	Edmond Towne	John Wiles	Lumpkins farme
Willi' Euens	Matthew Standly	John Redington	Rob't Andrews land
Daniell Clark	Anthony Carell		Voted.

At a meeting of the selectmen march, 10, 1661-2 Whereas Zacheas Gould at a Towne meeting in february ye 23. day 1658. ded then Joyne himselfe with his estat to ye Towne of Topsfield for seuen years or terme of his life or vntell a minister be settled in Rowley Vilag doth now being at a meeting of the selectmen of Topsfield giue his Feirme of threehundred acres wh'ch he liue vpon into Topsfield foreuer with al the priueledges & apurtenances thereunto belonging—Zacheas Gould.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 14 of march 1661

Whereas Zacheas Gould at a Towne meeting in february 23, 1658 ded then joyne himselfe with his estate to ye Towne of Topsfield for seuen yeers or terme of his life or Vntell a minister be settled in Rowley Vilage doth now at a Towne meeting giue in his feirme of threehundred acres which he bought of Mr. William Paine that he now liues Vpon to Topsfield. the said Zacheas Gould by these presants doth for himselfe his Excetutors or Administrators or assignes giue in the aforesaid farme into the said Towne for euer with all the priueledges and apurtenances thereunto belonging—witnes my hand Zacheas Gould.
Voted.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting the 15 of January 1663 the Inhabitance

of Topsfield hath granted ther right in a percell of Common Land by way of exchange for Land of John How aquiuallant to the said percell of Land to Lye Conuenant to the Common for Common, and the said Inhabittance hath Chosen ffrainces pebody John Wilds and Thomas perkins to Lay out the a boue sd Land Voated.

The Inhabittance hath a greed With Thomas Baker to Exchange two acres of Land neere to the meeting house for Land aqueuelante there vnto neere the sd Thomas Baker house, the Towne hath Chosen ffrainces pebody and Daniell Houey and the sd Thomas Baker hath Chosen John Gould and John Wilds to Lay out the aboue said p'sells of Land—Voated.

At a lawfull Towne meeting the 7. march 1664. It is ordered that the timber of the fivehundred acres of common lands on the other side of the river which is to remaine common to perpetuity is to be deuided by John Wiles Willi Auerell Thomas Baker & edmond Towne or either three of them into three equall proportions as two foure & six according to that rule to be deuided voted

It is also ordered that al the commonors of the Towne shall haue a share in the common on the other sid of the riuer with the timber which is to be deuided accordin[g] to the rule as is here expressed namely that thos which pay to the minesters rat[e] made in the year 1664; fiuty shilings & upward shal haue one of the greater shares and vnder fiuty shilings to twenty, shal haue a midle share and vnder twenty shilings one of the least shares voted

now these are the names of those men that ware then Rated that yeare 1664 and thar saueral soms as tha ar in that Rate and rite in this land

Zacheus and John goold	04-03-03	John wiles	01-12-10
mr thomas baker	03-17-05	william smith	00-13-08
danel Clark	01-04-05	Edman bridges	00-15-03
thomas darman senr	03-03-00	Jacob towne	01-04-05
frances pabody	04-05-02	Isack Este	00-19-06
decon houey	01-03-08	william towne	00-04-02
william Eeuens	02-11-00	and Joseph towne	01-08-05
Isack Comings senr	00-13-08	Edman towne	01-08-09
Isack Comings iunar	01-08-00	mathew stanle	00-15-08
Ensigne howlat	01-08-09	william nicoles	01-12-09
antoni Carol	00-11-01	mr. William Perkeings	02-03-09
thomas perkins	02-19-07	mr Endicot	01-02-00
thomas aueril and thomas	01-14-02	John how	00-19-00
hobes on mr brodstreets land	01-03-00	Robart andros	00-12-00
John Redington	03-05-02	frances bates	00-09-00
thomas browning	01-06-00		

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 9 desmber 1664. It is ordred and a greed Vpon that ye Inhabittance of the Towne hath apoyented the first third day of march next and so ye first third day of march the next

yeare folowing and so from yeare to yeare to Continue Vntill such time as the Towne shall see Causes to alter it, for to Chose ofecers for the Caryng on ye Townes afares and other matters of Concerment which nesesarly fales in to be don on that day Voated

At a Lawfull Towne meeting on ye 6 day of march 1665

Ensigne Howlett and Liut Pebody are Chosen to Exchange some of the Townes Common Land neere to Luke Weaklins with Thomas Perkins for Land of his to make his Line straight for his Conueniance of fencing and not to damnifie the Towne Voated

frances pebody Thomas perkins and John Redington are Chosen by the Inhabitance of the Towne to Lay out fifty acres of Land for the Vse of the ministrey at Topsfield Wee accordingly haue don it Wee haue Laid out fifty acres in medow and Vpland: where as there is sence two e[a]crs of this ffiافتy it being medow Lying between mudey sprieng and Luke Wakling giuene to Mr. Capen sence at a ginerall Towne meeting by a ginerall Voate of the Towne: and a stripe of medow one ye norwest side of bare hill wee Layed it for eaight eacrs be it more or Less: and a Leuen eacres of Vpland one the south side of bare hill a Jodinging to the house and twenty nine eackres of Vpland Liing one ye south of mr perkins field that is by ye meeting house and a plaine Commonly Caled the bare hill plaine one ye nore west end and ye Towne Common one ye southwest side and ye Towne Common one ye east or southeast end to mr perkins Land.

ffrainces pebody Thomas perkins and John Wilds Deputed by the Towne to Vew A percell of Land Which Edmond Bridges desiered to haue of the Towne Wee haue so don and bounded it as followeth from the Riuer About A Valey that is in the Island according as the trees are marked A tree that stands in A poynt of rockes Close by the Riuer and so from tree to tree as thay be marked ouer to the sid of the Vpland to the other sid of the swamp so wee haue marked trees all a Long as the swamp goeth as the trees are marked to the Riuer Againe at the Vpper end of the medow next the Bridge, for and in Consideration of this Land the said Edmond Bridges is to aLowe the Towne thurty five shillings the fift 11 m 1665 Edmond Bridges

At a Lawfull Townemeeing the 19 of march 1666-7 ordred by the Inhabitance that all fences about Corne ffeilds with in ye bounds of the Towne shall be made of fife railes and thay shall be well plased and what other fence is set Vp by any shall be equiuelant to a fife raile fence and to bee set Vp and in good repara by ye twenty of apriell next and so to Continue from time to time Vntel such time as ye Towne see Case to alter it on penaltie of paying one shiling a day as a fine for every day defect Isacke Estey and William Smith are Chosen to Vew the sd fences and take the fines the one halfe for the Townes vse the other halfe for themselues not withstanding any former Towne order. Voated

Thomas perkins ffrancies pebody and John Gould are Chosen to Vew and a gree with Daniell Borman for a hie way between William Aueriel house and the mill throw his ground as they shall see most Conuenyant
Voted

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 8 of Apriell 1667

The Towne hath granted Liberty to William Aueriell and Daniell Borman to make a dame at the mile brooke a rode and a halfe about the bridge to float there medow provided it be no damage to the Towne Voted.

ffrainces pebody John Gould and John Redington are Chosen to Vew and Lay out a hie way from the meeting house to Mr Endickat farme soficant for Carts
Voted

At a Lawfull meeting ye 29 of Apriell 1667 It is ordered that ye house and land apointed and Laid out for ye Ves of ye ministerey shall so remaine as above said for Euer and that this order be recorded in ye County records
Voted

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 9 of July 1667 The Inhabitance of ye Towne hath Left to ye descretion of the selectmen or maior part of them to Lay out a hie way from ye Common ground Which Lys on ye south sid of mile brooke ouer againts Goodman Dorman and sargt pebody's to Ensigne Howlett brooke notwithstanding any former Towne order Whatsoeuer
Voted

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 31 desember 1667 The Towne hath a greed that homesoeuer shall ether fale or lope any tree great or smale within twenty pole of the meeting house shall pay to ye Townes Vse twenty shilings for euery such defalt
Voted

The three men namly ffrancies pebody Thomas perkins and John Wilds which were chosen by ye Towne to Exchang a percell of Land with John How, according to our order we haue Exchanged about three acres, wee haue Layed out eaight rods Wide at one end next John How and almost nine rods at the other end, at ye end of Mr perkins Land next John ffrench bordering Vpon the Common.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 13 day nouember, 1668. ffrainces pebody John Gould John Wilds Thomas Baker and Edmon Townes are Chosen thay or ye maior part of them to Lay out and deuide the Common on Salam side of the Riuer all that Which is to be deuided notwithstanding any former Chouse or Towne order according to the Towne order made in the yeare 1664.
Voted.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 15 Jenewory 1668, The Inhabitance of the Towne hath giuen Samuel Howlett an inuitation to Come in to the Towne and set Vp his trade of smithing to doe ye Townes worke Voated.

apon Consideration yt Samuel Howlett promiseth to ye Towne to Come and set Vp his trade in the Towne and doe there Work thay haue giuen to him four eacrs of Land Vpon the Common hill next to William Smith and John ffrainch Land
Voted.

Thomas perkins John ffranch & John Redington are Chosen to Lay out the a boue said fouer eacrs of Land to Samuel Howlett

Wee Whose Names are Under Wrichteen being Chosen by the Towne ye 13 of Nouember 1668 to deuiede ye Common one Salam side of ye Riuer all that Which is to bee deuided not withstanding any former Chouch or Towne order according to the Towne order made in ye yeare 1661: and according to the Rule ye Towne apiunted in ye yeare 1664. to deuide ye Common by wee haue don et as folet in to three Deuisions as ye Towne ordered in ye yeare 1664 and as there seuerall proportions was by there Rate to ye minister in ye yeare 1664 hee that paid ffiuty shilings one of ye great shares and hee that paid vnder ffiuty to twenty one of ye midell shares and hee that paid vnder twenty shilings a singell share:

The Land Lyes in two parcell the forst part is Bounded Twowards ye West with mr Endickat Land and Twowards ye south with ffarmer porters Land and Twowards the east with Joseph Porters Land and Salam Line and Twowards ye North with ye Cowe Common beLonging to Topseild. The seckond parcell is bounded with Mr Endickat Land Twoward ye North and Twowards ye Weast with ye Riuer Commonly Caled Ipswich Riuer and Twowards ye south with Land that Lliut Thomas Putnam Layes Clame to & Land of William Hobes and easterly with ye land of ffarmer porter & William Hobes his Land: and where wee did find parson or parsons that ware Dead or had sould them selves out of ye Towne before wee deuided ye Land we Layed ye deuision of Common Land that was ordered to be deuied to ye Inhobatants in ye yeare 1661 to ye Land of those that ware entred in ye Towne Booke Namely Zacheus Gould was Dead wee Layed his deuision to his Land and seuerall others that ware ether Dead or eles had sould all there housing and Land in Topsfield wee Layed out noe Land to any that was gone out of ye Towne but to ye Land that they had or did Liue one in Topseild when the acte was past by ye Towne in ye yeare 1661.

The Bredth of ye Lots in the yt first deuision is as folet beging at mr endichat Land

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 forst lot is six rod short of ye | 11 lot is ten rod & ahalfe brod |
| Bound tree betene ye Cow | 12 lot is ten rod broad |
| Common & ye Lot. | 13 lot is nine rod & three quarters |
| 2 Lot is twenty 6 rod brode | brod |
| 3 lot is twenty two rod brod | 14 lot is nine rod & fiue foot brod |
| 4 lot is ninteene rod brod | 15 lot is nine rod & fiue foot brod |
| 5 lot is sixteene rod brod | 16 lot is eaight road & a halfe broad |
| 6 lot is foorteene rod brod | 17 lot is eaight rod & an a quarter |
| 7 lot is threeteen rod brod | brod |
| 8 lot is tweuele rod brod | 18 lot is eaight road broad |
| 9 lot is a Leunn rod & ahalfe brod | 19 lot is seune road an three quar- |
| 10 lot a Leauene rod brod | tere broad |

20 lot is seuene road an three quartere
 broad
 21 lot is seuene rod & a halfe brod
 22 lot is seuene rod an a halfe brod
 23 lot is six rod an three quarters brod
 24 lot is six rod an a quarter brod
 25 lot is six rod and halfe a quarter
 brod
 26 lot is six rod an halfe a quarter brod
 27 lot is six rod an two foot brod
 28 lot is six rod brod
 29 lot is six rod wanting two ffoot
 30 lot is fue rod an twelle ffoot brod
 31 lot is fue rod an Leuene foot four
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 32 lot is fue rod an ten foot
 33 lot is fue rod an nine foot
 34 lot is fue rod an eaight foot an
 a halfe
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 49 lot is fue rod an a halfe
 the 47 lot and ye 48 lot an ye 49 lot is to haue all ye Land from y[e] 46
 lot to Joseph porters Line and Salam Line to Joseph porter marked tree a
 Littell wayes of wheele brooke at ye Norwest end of his ye sd porter
 farme and these three Lots namely ye: 47: 48: 49: Lot is to bee fue
 rod an a halfe broad apece apon ye Cow Common
 50 lot is twenty rod broad beecase ye Land shortens
 51 lot is twenty two rod broad
 52 lot is twenty fouer rod broad
 53 lot is to haue all to Joseph porter Line of that deuision of Land
 54 lot is to rune downe by ye Coue Common and but one ye medoe downe
 twords Deckon Thomas perkins ye bread of et is ten rod and et dos but
 at ye other end a gaints ye 53 lot.
 55 lot ruing by ye sid of ye 54 lot being ten rod broad
 56 lot rueing as ye a boue sd being ten rod broad
 57 lot rueing as ye a boue sd lots being ten rod broad
 58 lot is twelue rod broad
 59 lot is ffiueeteene rod broad becace wee conseaue et dos shorten by
 Joseph porters Land and Salams Land

There is a smale stripe of Land Lefte by ye Last Lot and Salam Line
 ye meing is et tis betwene ye 59 lot and Salam Line:

The seckond deuision being that wee Cale Stickey medoe beging mr
 endickat ffarme vp to that Land as Lliut Thomas putman Layes Clame
 the Lots butting apon farmer porter Land and soe ruing to ye Riuer Caled
 Ipswich Riuer wesword

there is ffiuty fue of these Lots Laid out fue rod and a halfe broad these
 ffiutey fue Lots but one farmer porter Land being at fue rod and ahalfe
 broad at that end and at ye Riuer fouer rod an a halfe broad there is
 fouer Lots more that dos but apon William Hobes his Land and at Will:
 Hobes Land thay are seuenteene rod an a halfe broad so Ruiing vp to

Lliut Thomas putnam Line.

Wee whos hands are vnder wrighteen do Testifie that wee haue Laid out ye Lots as is here in expresed

Witness our hands

Dated march 1668

John Gould Thomas Baker John wills francies pabody

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 2 march 1668 or 69.

The Towne hath a greeed that it shall be Leagall waring for Euery Teme or parson that is warned to hie way work by the seruaiers or there order, the seruaiers or ther order shall giue two dayes or two nights at Least waring to euery teme and person thay shall warne into hie way worke, and farder the Towne hath ordred yt any teme warned as aboue said by ye seruaiers or there order, shall refuse or niglect to atend the Townes seruies which they are thus Caled Vnto Shall pay seuene shiling for each dayes niglect as afine for ye Townes Vese, and also the parsons so warned as aboue said, and shall refuse or niglect ye seruies thay are Caled to doe shall pay as afine for ye Towne Vse two shillings six pence a man for euerey day niglect the which fines the seruayers shall gather Vp with out parshaliety and give in thre a Counte to ye Towne at a Towne meeting Voted.

The Towne hath excepected William Nicklas and John Nicklas and William Hobes from hie Way worke in ye Towne apou Considration thay Liue remoate: and apou Condition thay mak there one hie wayes to Topsfeid Bridge nere to Joseph Towns his house Voted.

It is also ordered and agreed apou With Ensigne Thomas Howlett that thay will make and maintaine a bridge ouer ye Brooke by Ensignes house in ye way as wee goe to Ipswich ye one halfe to be don by the Towne and the other halfe by ye sd Ensigne Voted.

At a Towne Meeting ye 11 of ye 3m. 1669. Liut ffrainces pebody Ensigne John Gould Edmond Townes Thomas Baker & John Wilds being Chosen to deuide ye Common on ye other side of ye River: accordingly haue don it and declared ye same to ye Towne at a Towne meeting and is excepted by ye Towne Voted.

and also they haue agreed to Cast Lotes for it that euery one There by may know what is his Chare and Where it Lyes Voted

The Towne hath ordered yt the highway which Lyeth on ye south sid of Mr perkins his house and Lot ffrom William Aueriell house to ye Common shall be Laid downe and one other Way one ye north side of the said house and Land shall be Laid out and ye Towne has Chosen Liut ffrainces pebody Ensigne John Gould and Thomas perkins to Lay out ye said hieway Voted.

The Inhabitance being meet to gather to Cast Lotes yt euery one yt hath a share in ye Common Land may know what his share is and where it Lyes, the Lots which are Cast are in order as foloweth the first Lot which is next Mr Endickat medow and the Cow Common and yt euerey mans share whether singell dobell or

trebelle shall Ly to gather in Each deuision to each party, ye foirst Lot fales to Zacheus Gould Land ye 2 to Vsaltons Land ye 3 to William Nicklas ye 4 to Jacob Townes ye 5 to John Redington ye 6 to Isacke Comings Jur ye 7 to Mr Bakers Land ye 8 to Thomas Dorman ye 9 to John Wilds ye 10 to William Smith ye 11 to Thomas Browning ye 12 to Mr Endickat ye 13 to mathu Stanley ye 14 to Antony Carell land ye 15 to Isacke Estey ye 16 to ffrances Bates Land ye 17 to Mr Bradstreet Land ye 18 to Thomas perkins ye 19 to Robard Androws Land ye 20 to Llumkins Lot ye 21 to Edmon Townes the 22 to William Euenes Land ye 23 to Joseph Townes ye 24 to John How ye 25 to Edmond Bridges house that he had had in Topseild in the year 64 ye 26 to to ffrainces pebody ye 27 to mr perkins ye 28 to Daniell Clarke ye 29 to Ensigne Howlett ye 30 to Isacke Comings senr and as for ye Lots of the other deuision which ye stickey medow is part of is Loted out after this order as faleth to each party or each partyes Land as there seuerall Lots Ly 2: 3 & 4. Mr Bradstreet share to his Land is number 03 Mr Endickat share to his Land is 25

Mr Perkins	16 Zacheus Gould share [h]is Land	01
Mr Baker	12 Jacob Townes	04
Tho Dorman	15 Isacke Estey	05
ffrancis pebody	29 William Townes	06
Will Euenes share	27 Edmond Townes	21
Daniell Clarke	02 Mathu standly	18
Isacke Comings senr	13 Anthony Carell share to his Land	
Isacke Comings Jur	14 in ye Towne is	07
Ensign Howlett	08 Edmond Bridges share to his	
Will Smith	17 house and Land in ye Towne	
ffrances Bates share	19 is in	09
John Wilds	30 Will Nicklas	22
John Redington	20 Vseltons share to his Land in ye	
Tho: perkins	24 Towne	11
Tho: Browing	23 Llumkins Land	28
John How	10 Robard Androws	26

At a Lawfull Towne meeting 15th Nouble 1669. Jacob Townes & Joseph Townes are Chosen to Lay out a highway ffrom ye Bridge ouer ye Riuer by William Townes of one pole wide to William Nicklas ffarme Which he Liue apou and also to William Hobes Land Voted.

Jacob and Joseph Townes being Chosen to Lay out a highway from the Bridge ouer ye riuer by William Townes of one pole Wide to William Nicklas farme which he Liues apone and also to William Hobes haue accordingly don it.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 3 of Jenewary 1670, The Towne hath ordered ye Clarke to recorde the Lotes Which are on ye other side of the riuer according to the derextions that ye Commity Chosen for the Laying out of ye said Lots shall

derecte him

Voted.

Lliut ffrances pebody Ensigne John Gould and Thomas perkins being Chosen by ye Towne to Lay out a highway through part of William Aueriell Land and through part of Daniell Borman Land to the Northward side of Mr perkins his home ffeild haue accordingly don it ye Which highway is Laid out from the Vpper End of William Aueriell orchard one rod an a halfe wide to ye afore said northward side of Mr perkins his feild and so through Daniell Borman Land one ye northward sid of Mr perkins ffeild to the former highway againe.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 7 march 1670 or 71.

The Towne has impowred the selectmen to petition to the Court to git ye Bridge ouer ye Reiuer by old Goodman Townes to be maintained one ye County a Count.

Voted

The Towne is willing that Lliut pebody should set vp a saw mille provided it dos not doe damige to any of the Towne men in there medowes Voated

It was Voated that ye Towne should yearlye Chose there Clarke for ye Towne and also there selectmen by papers

The Towne has granted Liberty and impowred ye selectmen in the behalfe of ye towne to agree with Lliut pebody about the Riges Ether by saile or rent as thay see good

Voted

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 14 nouber 1671. The inhabitance of Topsfeild has mainfested by a Voate that thay doe not desier that our Neaighabers of ye Vilige which dos orderly here the Word of god amongst vs should pay or be Charged With ye maintaing of it in Topsfeild noe Longer then till it please god thay be abell to maintaine ye word a mongst themselues and haue a minister settled amongst themselues for to despence ye word of God to them

Voted

At a Llawfull Towne meeting ye 5 march 1671 or 72.

The Towne has also Voated that ye Viligers shall haue Lliberty to set Vp a house for to shelter there horses in neere to ye meeting house Where ye selectmen and thay shall thinke fite or most Conuineat and also a house for to shelter themselues in with a fier in it duering so Long as thay doe Contriubute to ye ministerey here in Topsfeild according to what thay haue meneced Vnder there hands and also the Towne has admited and aLowed of ye Viligers to haue a Voce and Coyce of a ministerey here in Topsfeild as the Towne themselues haue during the time of there Contributing to ye ministerey in Topsfeild

Voated

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 18: 1 m: 71 or 72. The Towne dos grant to Deckon Howlett Lliut pebody and Isacke Estey Joseph Towns Corpr edmond Townes and Thomas Baker all the swampe medow that Lyeth apon ye Riuer Caled Ipswich Riuer extending from the Lower part of the Gouners medow doune to the bridg that goeth ouer ye riuer be Low old Goodman Townes for an in Considration of fifty pounds ye Towne hath Reseued of the aboue named parties this medow here in meneced Lyeth one the south side of

Ipswich riuer

Voated

According to a Towne order and as ye Towne had impowered vs at a Towne meeting ye seuenth of march 1670 or 71. Wee accordingly haue don it. Wee the selectmen haue sould to Lliut pebody the Riges that is fenced in and ye bounds of it as ye fence now stands ye Riges Lyes one ye south side of ye brooke againts his orchard, the which hee is to aLow twenty fue shilings for ye riges, and he has discounted with Vs ye selectmen ye twenty fue shilings for ye Vse of ye Towne.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 4 march 1672 or 73. It is ordred yt ye selectmen shall haue power to Lay out ye bounds where the fence shall stand by the medow side for John Houey apon ye south west side of ye brooke.

Voated.

At a Lawfull meeting of ye selectmen ye 30 Aprell 1673. It is ordred and a greed vpon that all Swine shall be Ringed soficantly from time to time from ye pobilitation of this order till the 15 of Nouember and Euery swine that shall bee found not Ringed from a quarter ould and Vpward shall forfe[t] six pence also it is a greed that all swine shall bee yoaked that dos damage by breakeing into Corne feild and paster throe soficant fences after noties giuene to ye owners of such swine thay not sped[ily] yoaking them shall forfeit one shiling for euery swine and after noties giuene to ye oneres of such swine thay shall forfeit twelue pence for euery day till thay yoake them and such swi[ne] shall be kept yoaked tell Indan haruies be ended this order is to stand from time to time tell ye Towne see Case to alter it not with standing any formar order.

Voated.

Mickall Dunell is Chosene by ye selectmen to Looke to ye yoaking and ringing of hoges and ye sd Doniell is to haue one halfe of ye forfeite for his payenes as is expresed in ye order aboute Wrighteen the other halfe hee is to returne to ye selectmen

Voated.

At a meeting of ye selectmen ye 14 of 11 m: 1673. John Gould & ye selectmen Came to a recking and did cleare all a Counts from ye beging of ye World to this day the selectmen giueing John Gould his Towne rate this yeare as ye date aboute make mention of and ye sd Gould dos a quite ye Towne of all detes dues and demands, and ye fifty shilings that ye Court at Ipswich did order ye sd Gould to take of the Towne so that ye selectmen, in ye behalfe of the Towne dos Cleare John Gould of all that has bin paid to ye sd Gould by Constabell or Collecters or any that has bin apionted by ye Towne or selectmen to pay any thing to John Gould ye selectmen being Lliut pebody Thomas perkins Thomas Baker Edmon Townes and this is or a greement as witnes our hands ye day and yeare aboute Wrighteen and Sargt Bixby dete is in Cluded that ye Towne dos owe ye sd Bixby which is fue pounds that should be paid to ye sd Gould, the selectmen giueing ye sd Gould power to demand of the said John Houey Constabell for ye yeare 72 the fue pounds that was put into ye Towne rate and Committed to him to gather Vp and if ye sd Houey dos refuse to

pay it to ye sd Gould then Wee ye selectmen doe Ingage to giue ye sd Gould power to sue for it the sd Gould guieing the selectmen a noat to Sargt Bixby to take Vp there bill and ye sd Gould will delieue Vp Sargt Bixby bill to him as witnes or hands this 14: 11 m: 1763.

Witnes, John Commings John Gould
 John How ffancis pebody

in ye name of ye rest of ye selectmen.

I Thomas Baker doe binde my selfe to ye selectmen on a bond of sixty foure pounds to see the rate that they haue by warrant vnder ther hands Committed to mee to gather vp for mr Hubbord I doe by these presant in gage as is aboue sd to ye select men to see that et shall be deleuered to mr Hubbord I haueing ye ouer pluch of ye rate for my paynes as witnes my hand this 19 day of Jenewary 1674. I the sd Tho: Baker doe ingage to pay to mr Hubbord 61lb. [3]s and what ye rate dos a mount to more I ame to haue for my payines I doing et by ye Last of July after ye date aboue sd.

Thomas Baker.

a Rate made ye 9 day of february in ye yeare 1674 to defray ye Townes detes and giuen to ye Constabell of Topsfeild or his deputy to gather vp and pay as derestation is giuen to them ye rate dos a mount to 28lb 08s 03d ye which thay stand in deted to ye Towne tell they haue discharged ye rate and then thay shall be discharged

ye detes is 26lb 11s 08d

so that ye ouer plush of ye 28lb 08s 03d from 26lb 11s 08d and there rest to ye Towne 01lb 16s 03d

John how. Constabel.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 3 march 1673 or 74.

The Towne has Left it to ye selectmen to settell the bounds betwene the Townes Land and that ffairme as was Mr Whittinggons. Voted

The propriaters haue Chosen the Lote Layeres or ye maior part of them to Record how thay Laid out ye Lotes one ye south side of ye riuier Whether to housing & Land or to ye parsons that did Liue in the housing in ye year 61: with ye bredth and Lenth of euery Lote.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting the 19 of agust 1674. The Towne made Chose of Isacke Comings senr and Ensigne John Gould and Lliut ffrainces pebody to bound the medow that old Goodman Gould sould for ye Towne to seuerall of our Neaiboires, wee the fflore named persons haue bounded ye medow in manner as foleth. Wee begane to marke trees at ye Clay pits there ye medow begins there wee marked two trees one Whiat oake betwene ye Claie pites and ye rieur and a nother tree neere to ye Clay pites one ye south sid one ye egge of ye Vpland and a great Elme marked by ye Vpland side West from ye Clay pites and so a Longe with marked trees by ye Upland side tell wee Came neere to Mr Endickat medow these are ye bounds of that medow that Lyeth one the south sid ye riuier Caled Ipswich riuier aJoying to ye riuier from mr Endickat farme doune to the Clay pites neere to the Bridge by Joseph Townes house.

Thomas perkins bounds betwene his Land at Billigate and the Townes Common Land, the first tree marked is a popler tree neere the meadow Caled Robard Smith meadow and a heape of stones from thence southeast two a swamp where there is two popler trees marked with a heape of stones betwene them and from thence to a smale wall nuttree neere to a swampe marked with a heape of stones at it; from thence to a smale Whiat oake in a swamp marked and a heape of stones at it neere to the Corner of berzilah Barkers Land.

John Wilds his bounds betwene the Towne Land and his, a great whiate oacke marked from thence to a Littell blake ocke marked and a heape of stones at it from thence to a heape of stones and two wallnuts trees marked from thence to a stake and a heape of stones and three Littell trees marked that stands neere to ye stake & heape of stones from thence to an eleme tree marked in a swamp neere the south side of the swamp from thence to a heape of stones behind William perkins house from thence to a nother heape of stones which is the Corner betwene William perkins and John How

John How bounds from a heape of stones that are the Corner bounds betwene him and William perkins from thence to a heape of stones that are about two rode and a halfe of his barne from thence to a heape of stones neere his dweling house and from thence to where he Joynes to Goodman Clarke.

At a Lawfull meeting of ye selectmen ye 1 June 1675.

Isack Estey and John Robinson and Jacob Townes are Chosen and apioynted to Vew the Way one ye south sid of ye Riuer and to aLow of it as thay shall see good that Way as goeth to Salam that is Complained of.

Voted

this is a trew Cope of a Recet that Edman towne twoke of the Contre tresarer mr Rusil as a discarg of a contre rate that was mad and Comited to him to gather vp being Constabel.

Edmand towne Constabel of topsfeild hath paid to mee twelue pounds fve shilings and seuen pence which is in full of thare townes proporcion of the Cuntre Rate for the yere 1674. witnes mi hand the 4 iiii mo. 1675.

by me Ricard Rusil treasurar

ther is a Rate mad by the selactmen the 3 of august 1675 for the defraing of our townes proporcion of a singel Contre Rate dobeled acording to warrant that we Receued from the Contre tresurer.

this Rate Comited to the Constabel iohn how is twenti fve pound six penc.

at a lafull meeting of the Selactmen the 8 of saptember 1675 wee haue agreed to mak a stone wall aboute the meeting hous for fort * * * the wall is to be three foote brod in the botom and fve foot hie * * * or six as shall be thote most Conueniant with a watch hous at the south est Corner with in this wall ten foot square this is to be don by the towne and except such as do vsalli Com to her the word preched at or in our meeting hows will halp the towne most do it at thar one charge.

this wall is to be ten foot from the meeting hous side and ende but on the south side it is to be twelue foot be twene this wall and the hous and the wach hows Cornar is to be fore foot from the hous end.

ther is a Rate Comited to John how Constabel a singel Contre Rate that a mounts to a leuen pound ten shilins and three penc.

also ther is a nother Rate Comited to John how Constable that is demaned by warant from the Contri treserar that a mountes to seuen singel Contre Rates which som is Eighte fore pound and seuteene shilens.

at a meeting of the selact men the 10 of Januari 1675 ther was a Rate Comited to John how Constable for the minester which Rate amontes to sixte pound one shilin and two penc for the sad Constable to gather in spedeli for the mantananc of our minister 60 pound is his due the Remander is for the townes use.

John how Constabel of topsfeel hath payd in to the treserar of the Contrey the 8 october 1675 fore and twente pounds eleuen shiligs and two pence in full of the sad townes proporcion to the two extreordenari Rates due to the Contre the last of october last past as the some is allowed on for 66.

p. me. Richard Rusil treserar.

at a lawfull meeting of the selackt men ther was a Rate Comited to John how Constable for to gather and pay in to the Contre traserar for our townes proporcion being Eighte fore pound this is Recorded befor in a nother plac the whol Rate is Eighte fore pound seauenteene shilings.

at a Lawfull Towne Meting the 7 of March 1675-76. Left. ffrancis pabody is Chosen Clark to kep the Towne Book this yere:

at a lawfull towne meeting the 7 of march 1675-76 its agreed that selact men shall be chosen bi nomenacion this yere and vote[d].

at a lawfull towne meeting the 7 of march 1675-76 mr thomas baker and Ephrom dorman and sargan Redington and francis pabody and decon perkins all of them are Chosen to be selact men for to order the preudancell afares of the towne this yeare Insuing.

John How is Chosen Constabell for this yere in suing and voted 1675-76.

Jacob towne Is Chosen to sarue one the Juri of trialls at Ipswich Corte next in suing.

7 march daniel borman and Isack Este ar Chosen soruaures of hiuaes and fences for this yeare in suing and voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting 7 march 75-76 it is granted that samuel howlet and John french william perkins iuner and micall donell that thay shall be Comenars as other freeholder are In our Coman land for feed and other preulieges voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting the 7 march 1675-76. sargan Redington and John wiles and frances pabody ar Chosen a comite for the towne to agree with mr thomas backer to axchang a strip of land that lies aioyneing to the sad mr bakers land and also to satel the boundes of his farme

voted.

at a lawfull meeting 7 march 75-76 it is ordered that the selact men shall

see that the olde book the towne book shall be transcribed into the new book and that the land on the south sid the Reuer that was layed out by deuisions to the seuerall inhabetants the select men shall see that ther lots be Recorded according as tha ware lade out voted.

at a lawfull meeting of the selacktmen the forthenth da Juli. 76, ther was Comited to John how Constabel a Rate for the defraing of ten singel Rates which Rate amountes to a hondered and twente pound for the sad Constabel to colackt and gather of the saueral parsons Ratabel and cari it in to the Contri treserar.

20. 7. 1675. at a lawfull meeting of the towne Isack Comins senar is Chosen graniuri man for this yeare Insuing also William Auiril is Chosen to sarue on the Jurie of trials at Ipswich Corte next Insuing.

at a meeting of the selackt men the 29 of desamber 1676 ther is a Rate for the minester Comited to the Constabel John how to gather vp and care in to mister hobart his due is sixte pound but the Rate amountes to sixte two pound and about twelue shilins.

Reseued this: 13th: 3d: 75. of Ephraim Dorman Constable of Topsefield in full their Townes preportion to the Cuntry Rate for one singgle Rate and three quorters the some of nineteene pounds eight shilings and six pence.

I say reseued for the yeare 73.

by me Rishard Russell Treasurer.

Mr Hobard 11lb: 2s: 0d } this is a true Copy of the trasurrs reseight
Mr Russells 8lb: 6s: 6d } taken by me frances pabody Clarke
dated the 29 of January 1676.

this fift of february 1676 ther is a Rate for defraing of Indian ware Charges Containing six singel Contrerates Rates which amounteth to fifte three pound and sixteen shilens this Rate is delivered to John How Constabel for to gather vp and deleuer to the Contre treserar or his assigns acordingly as he hath diracion In the tresares warrant.

at a lawfull towne meeting march 2. 1676-77 Isack Comings senr. is Chosen moderater this present meeting voted.

it is agreed that the select men shall be Chosen by nominacion not with standing ani formor ordr voted.

it is agreed that the Clarke shal be Chosen bi nominacion this day for this yeare insuing—voted not with standing ani formor order.

Leftenant Pebody is chosen Clarke for the yeare inseuing voted.

John how is Chosen Constabel for the yeare insuing voted.

the towne hath granted to John how a slip of land to John how of two rod and half brod at his barn and to Com to nothing at his stak at his bond stak to wards the bridg bi goodman Clarks.

Ensigne goold sargen towne decon perkeings John Redington and frances pabody ar Chosen selectmen for the yere in suing - - - - voted.

John Comings is Chosen to sarue on the Juri of trials the naxt Cort at Ipswich - - - - voted.

John french and John Robeson are Chosen seruaires for hiwas to see that thay be mad pasabel as the law requires - - - voted.

the seruaires haue powr and here by ar impoured to tak or destrane there fines for not attending the mending hiwaes after legall warning two shilings six penc for eueri dayes neglact thay hauing two dayes warning - - - voted.

John Houey and Samuel Howlat ar Chosen to see to the mending fences that thay see that thay be as town orders Require

the town hath agreed to Chang a bout half anacor of vpland for somoth madoo with Edman towne decon perkeings and frances pabody ar Chosen to see it don - - - voted

Receued october the 22th 1676 from John how Constabel of Topsfeeld for the yeare 1675 the som of Eleuen pownd ten shilings and three pence in some that being in full of that townes singel Rate for the a for saide yere as witnes mi hand as Exectetor to my honored father Richard Rusill late tresarer

James Rusill

This is a trew Cope of the Constabel John how his Recet that he brot from the tresarers Excector. pr mee frances pabody Clarke 1676.

thare is a towne Rate made the three and twentieth of february for the defraing of all towne debtes as alsoe whot is yet oing to mr. gilbrt.

At a lawfull towne meeting march the 7. 1676—77 the towne hath granted to william perkeings iunar two acres of vpland liing betwene his one house and the swamp that strip of land that was exchanged formal with william perkeings for land that John how had of t[h]e towne and the for sayd willi perkeings is to pay three pownd in Corant pay to the towne

voted.

the towne hath agreed with John Robeson to sweep the meeting hows and he is to haue twenti five shilings a yeare.

also he is to dig graues for such as shall Requir him and he is to haue three shilins six penc for al graues abou for foot long and two and six penc for al vnde[r].

the town granted to exchange a smal strip of land with sargen towne at alawfull towne meeting march 2 1676—77 the towne made Coyse of decon perkens and frances pabody to see it don and thay the afor said men on the sixt of aperill did goe and see it don and it is thus don from a whit oke marked on the southe sid of the sad Edman townes madoe land to a small popeler in a line or strait Corse and that popeler is his bound Cornar tree next to the Coweman and from that popeler strat to the Reuer where there is a small Red oke marked.

In august 1676 thare was a Rate made and Comited to John how Constabel[el] to gather vp and pay into the tresarer or his asignes the Rate is six singel Contre Rates which som amontes to fiffe three pound and thirteene shilins.

at a meeting of the select men Januari 4 1677 ther is Comited to Jo how Constable two Rates on is the singel Contre Rate which amountes to nine pound two shilens and Eight penc the other Rate is the moni Rate which is two singel Contre Rates which amountes to Eighteene pound

five shileings and fore penc which Rates the Constabel is to gather vp of the saueral parsons Ratabel and pa it in to the Contre tresarer or his asignes.

where as the towne mad Coyse of sargen Redington and John wiles seenar and frances pabody to agree with mister baker about exchange of a small strip of land about three acores and a half which the afor-named men haue don the land that mister baker hath of the townes land lieth against his hous in part as it is layd out and the bredth at the Est end is ten Rod wide and a half from the Cornar of his wall which is the bounds of it at the Est ward Cornar and his lin is to Ron from that Corno[r] of his land to a grat whit oke about twente and fiue Rod distanc souwest ner to the hiwa that lieth or ledath from the falles bridg to the meeting howse and from that whit oke vp the hill as the fence Rones that is now standing which is a hadg and to go strat from the End of that fenc to a grat Rad oke which is marked and at that tree the land mr baker hath of the towne comes to a poynted wedg, now the bowndes of mr bakers land is neer along bi the way from the for sade oke to a small oke marked neer the hiwa as goes or comes from or to the meeting hous and from that small oke twente and on Rod towards the meeting hous wher the afore named men did agree with mr baker that his bound Cornor of his farm should be now this on and twente Rod from the small oke to the bound stake and from this bound stak fite and fore Rod strat on in mr bakeres line west ward from the meeting hous where was a stak sat and a heap of Rokes lad about the stake Rit in a beaten hi-way and from this stak and heap of stones Rit in a line to the afor named small oke now this is the land the towne hath of mr baker twente one Rod brod fite and for Rod long Coming to a poynted wedg at the end of fite fore Rod now the boundes of mr bakeres land from the bound stake and heap of stones that is at the End of the land the towne hath of mr baker from that stak and heaps of stones Rit in a line to a marked tree at the foot of the bridg nere to Ephrom dormans hous.

20 June 1677.

the select men of Topsfeild doe aLow a blake rone horse of John Gould to bee alikely horse aCording to Law to rune apon ye Commons. June 1677.

John Comings is Chosen graniure man for the naxt Cort heeld at Ipsweech. August 26 1677.

John french is Chosen to sarue on the Juri of trialls the naxt Cort hild at Ipswich.

Kno al parsons by these presants that I doe acquitt and discharge the towne of topsfeild of and from thare three first Rates of sixte pound pr anom for my labors in the ministrey thare I sa I doe fulli acquitt thare three Rates for ann 72, 73, 74, and haue receued them trewli and fulli as wittnes my hand Jerimi hobart.

may 3da 1677 in presence of Thomas baker John how who ware apoynted by the selct men to acount the Rates aforesaid with my selfe as tha say.

Boston this: 17: of march: 1678.

Receued of franses Pebody the just sum of foure pounds in mony and is in full to pay the subscription to the contribution for the new buleding for the Colledge j say Receued by me william Manning: wittnes Henry Bartholmew. which for pownd j franses pabody Receued of the Constabel Samuel Houlat witnes my hand franses pabody.

at a Meeting of the freemen the 22 of the 2 mo 1679, Sargen John Redington was Chosen gran Juriman for the yeare Insing voted

at a lawfull meeting of the select men the 14 iune 1679. thay haue worke at mr hubba[rts] to make a hage fence shall pay two shiling six penc a day from sixteen yeare ould and vpward as the law doth not free.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men John how was Chosen to sarue on the Jurie of triales the naxt Cort that is to be heeld at Ipswich, 13, da of september 1680. voted

at a lawfull meeting of the select men 13 of the 7 month 1680, a writing to John hunkin to fore warne him of Coming to be an inhabetant in oure towne.

at a lawfull towne meeting the forth of may 1681, Isack este senar was Chose to be graniure man fo the [y]eare insuing voted.

We whos names are under writen hauing power from the Towne to settell bounds with those that Joyne on our Common : we haue a cordingly agreed with mr Timmothy Pirkins; that all the upland and medow : that is within his fence at this time Jenuary ye 5th 1686: in the field by the meeting hous nere bare hill : shall be and Remaine to him and his heirs foreuer, and the fence as it now stands shall be his bounds and that it shall be entered in our Towne book; for the which he the said Timmothy Pirkins doth in iage to pay two pounds eleuen shilings

Thomas Baker John How Jacob Towne

one and twenty of that a boue mentioned is mony I am sertenly informed by Mr Thomas baker and Mr Timmothy Pirkins. Ephraim dorman.

Decn Isaac Comings Constable of Topsfield for the yeare one thousen six hundred and eighty six, I say reseued of him ye full of that rate which was made for my use for ye year aforesaid and committed to him to collect I say reseued of him for that yeare in full for what was committed to him to gather by me Joseph Capen.

dat Jan 26: 1691-2

this is a true copy entered pr me Ephraim Dorman

Recorder for Topsfield.

reseued ye full of ye rate 85 by the hand of Elisha Pirkins constable, witnes my hand Joseph Capen

May 21: 88 this is a true copy entered pr me Ephraim Dorman Clarke.

Charlstowne 18th march 1690: or 91.

then Reseued of mr John Towne Constable of Topsfield three twenty shilling bills of creadit and thirty six shillings in mony and is in full of ye two mony rates and a halfe of said Towne ye wholl was the remainder four pounds sixtene shillings I say

reseued pr John Philips Treasurer

Copia Vare—Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke.
Charlstowne ye sixt of may 1691.

Reseued of mr John Towne Cunstable of Topsfield eighty pounds in bills Charged on said Constable and bills of Creadit as mony in full of ye ten rates which he was to Colect of ye inhabitence of said Towne by worrent bareing date ye 2 of Aprill 1690. I say reseued pr John Phillips Treasurer.

Copia Vare—at est Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke
Charls Towne ye 16 desember 1692

the[n] Reseued of mr John Towne Cunstable of Topsfield ye sum of ninety pounds fue shillings and one penny as mony in pt of ye twenty Rates of said Town. I say Reseued pr John Philips Treasurer

Copya Vare—at est Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke.
Boston fabraruy 22 1693-4.

Reseued of mr John Towne Constable of Topsfield ten shillings and six pence bill of Creadit and four pounds four shillings and five pence by discount for my master James Tailor Treasurer in full of ye twenty Rates of said Townes asesment 04: 14: 11 pr Jareemiah Allin

Copya Vare—at est Ephraim Dorman Clarke.

at a meeting of the select men the forth of Januari 1677. there was a Rate Comited to Ensigne goold and John how for to gather vp and pay in to the ministar mister hobart. tha ar to pay to the ministar sixte pound and tha are to pay John Robeson twente and fue shilings and thay ar to haue the Rest for thar paynes or for gathering vp the ministeres due and John Robesons due.

this Rate her spesified is sixte fue pound nine shilings and ten penc.

at a lawfull Town Meting the fourth of March 1678-7 Left. ffrancis Pabody is chosen clark to kep the town Book this yere voted:
samuel howlat is Chosen Constabel for this year insuing voted.

Ensigne goold mr thomas baker [I]sack Co[m]ings John houey and frances pabody ar Chosen selectmen for to order the prudacal afares of the town for this year insuing voted.

John french and John Robeson ar Chosen soruaares for hiwas this year insuing. voted.

John Wiles and danil borman are Chosen to vew fences this yeare insuing. voted.

John Robeson is agreed with for to sweep the meeting hous and to fassen the dores and is to haue twente fue shilens for his payenes voted
the towne hath granted to tobiiiah perkens to be a Comanar for feed and failing timbe[r] as his nibors ar.

tobiiiah perkens is Chosen to sarue on the Jure of trials the naxt Counte Cort hild at Ipswich voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting march 5, 1677.78 the towne granted to mr hobart the pond that lieth on the southside or south est end or side of the meeting hous and three ackeres of land aioyening to it voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting 5 march 1677.78. the towne for the preseruing of thare timber on the south sid the Reuer haue agreed that no man hance forward shall fal ani trees or timber without leue from

such men or man that t[h]e towne shall impoure to giue leue if ani shall fall ani treese with out leue he shall pay for eueri tree ten shilins to the towne.

this order is for the timber on the south side the Reuer onli voted.

Isack Este senr is Chosen and impouered to grant liberti to such of our towne as need ani timber and to take the penalti of ani that shall fall ani timber without leue voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting march 5, 1677-78. the towne granted to Isack Este senr and Jacob towne and John Robeson a small strip of vpland and swamp ling by the Reuer on the south side the Reuer and the aboue sade men are to giue to the towne whot the select men and thay shall agree vpon for the prise of it. voted.

march 5, 1677-78.

the towne granted to mr william perkins senr liberti to remoue his fence on the south west end of his feeld to the vpland side sowwest ward hee paying for it to the towne as the select men and hee shall agree provided it be no predegidis to the parsonidg land voted.

the towne granted to william perkins Juner a strip of land aioyning to his one land bounded with a letel Ron of water in part on the west side of it and the sade william perkins is to pay to the towne Eight pound for it excapt the select men Judg it worth more its laft to them and himself to agree for the prise of it voted.

Receued march 17th 1676-7: from Isack Este by a noat from mr siman broadstreet ecquire the som of two pounds and six shilings in full of Topcfeilds rate for the yeare, 1664. I say Receued as Excecutor to my honored father Racherd Rusil Esquir late tresurar desesed James Rusill.

at a lawfull towne meeting march 5, 1677-78 the towne granted to John how fue Rod of ground to be lade out at the norwest Corner of his howslot by his barne. voted.

the 19 of aperel 1678 this aboue mencioned fue Rod of ground granted to John how is lade out by the select men the extent of it is about fore Rod nor ward from a great oke that is now standing nere the way against John hows barne.

this is a recet of whot william perkens hath payed to the towne in part of the three pound he oeth to the towne for his first parcil of land he boote of the towne.

Receued of william perkens, iuner, sixteene shilings for the uce of the towne of topcfeeld by the order of insigne John goold select man in the yeare 1677. 2 aperell 1678. Joseph bisbe.

this sixteene shilings aboue mencioned and payed to Joseph bigsbe to him for worke he did about mr hoberts windoe or for shingel for it.

at a lawfull meeting the thirteth day of aperell 1678, sargent John Redington was Chosen to sarue on the graniurie this year in suing voted.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men 23 Juli 1678 wee doe order that thare shall be noe Rames ore Rame to Rune vpon ani ground that is with

out fence after the first of august next Insuing tell a month after mickellmas vpon the forfeiture of one half of the Rames or Rame soe taken vp and it is lawfull for ani man to take ani Rames ore Rame that is seene to ron vpon ani vnfenced ground within the time aboue sayed.

at a lawfull towne meeting 27 of august John Redington is Chosen Comisioner to Joyne with the select men to mak the Contre Rate and to Care it in to salam as the law diracts voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting 27 august John Comines is Chosen to sarue on the Juri of trials the naxt Counte Corte held at Ipswich voted.

boston october 10, 1678.

Receued of Constabel John how of topcfeeld in part of the moni Rates forteene pound no. 305. John hull tresurar.

I also acknoledg that the first ten Rates mad in the yeare, 1666, are fully paid John houll tresarer.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men in nouembear 1678. theare was Comited to samuell howlat Constabel two Rates the one is a Counte Rate the third parte of a singel Contre Rate which amountes to three pound fiue shiling which the Constabel is to gather vp and pay in to marshall scare of salame the other Rate is al to be payed in moni it is the Coledg Rate which is in the whol som fore pound and seuen shilings fore pound of it is to be payde at Cambredg and Eight shilings to Ensigne goold.

also decan perkens william nicalles Isack Este and f[r]ances pabody are Chosen and apoynted to be tithing men to Inspect ani parson ore parsons that shall profane the saboth and to proseed against ani that shall be falte as the law diractes.

desamber 1678. ther is two Rates Comitted to samuell howlat Constabel to gather vp and pay in to the Contre treserar or his asines the on Rate is a singel Contre Rate to be payde all in moni and the other is adobel Contre Rate it mabe payed in Corne or moni on Rate amountes to nine pownd forteene and a leuen penc the other amountes to nineteene pound thirteene shilings and a leuen penc.

1678. Januarie the leuenth ther is the ministeres Rate Comited to samuel howlat Constabel to gather vp and pay in to the minister his due is sixte pownd but the Rate the full som is sixte one pownd forteene shilings and on pence.

at a lawfull towne meeting in Januari 1678 the tow[n]e hath agreed that the select men shall haue pouar to set vp a galere and those that sit in it shall pay for the seting vp the galere and the townes men shall haue the first profer of the seates in bying of them.

this was voted by mee samuel howlat Constabel.

where as the towne granted william perkens Junar a small strip of land liing and ioyning to his one land liing on the sowest and a small Rone of water on the west and soe from John howes vp the Ron of water tel the Ron of water partes in to two where thare is a small tree marked and soe from that tree to the Cornar

of his fenc as it now stands where ther is a tree marked alsoe this strip of land here mencioned was laft to the select men and william perkens to agree about the prise of it and thay did agree for fifteen pound to be payed in three yeare fiv[e] pound a yeare in Corn and Catil to the towne In neete Catil and marchantabel Corne at prise Corant the on half Corn the other Catil.

Januari 31. 1678. the select man mat.

where as william perkens was indated to the towne three pownd for a small parsil of land that he bought of the towne befor this fifteen pownd perchas the said william perkens hath payed that three pownd as he was ordered by the select men for the townes vse and alsoe he hath payed twente and two shilings and six penc more [t]owards of his first fiv[e] pownd.

At A Lawfull Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of Topsfd. on the fourth of March 1678-79. Lieut Pabody was chosen Towne-Clarke for this year, 1679.

at a lawfull towne meeting the forth of march, 1678-79, william perkens iuner is Chosen Constabel for thls yeare Insuing voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting march the forth 1678-79 Ensigne goold, mr thomas baker, sargen Redenton, Jacob towne and frances pabody ar Chosen select men for this yeare insuing.

the towne doth prohebet t[h]e select men from alinating ani of the townes land nor make any new Rates to pay owld detes formarli put into Rates with out the townes order. voted.

Isack Comins Is Chosen to sarue one the Juri of trials at the naxt Cort held at Ipswich. voted.

Isack Este is Chosen again to giue liberti to such as haue need of ani timber for bul[d]ing and fencing and the liberti he giues shall hold good but one yeare voted.

John french and Joseph towne senr ar Chosen for to be seruaerers and for to look to the fences this yeare that both hiwas and fences be repared as need Require voted.

John andros hath liberti giuen him to set his fenc ouer a letel nack of land to straten his fanc and if the towne see it Conuiant to Chang it with him after wardes voted,

Jacob towne and goodman wiles and Isack Este ar Chosen bi the towne to Ron the line betwene the Cow Common and lots voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting the forth of march 1678-79 Ensigne goold and frances pabody ar Chosen to Record the lotes that are layd out on the south side the Reuer the lanth and bredth as tha war layd out voted.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men march 14th 1678.79. thay haue ordered and here by declare that wher as thare was a way layd down bettwene mr perkenes orchard and william averis land which thay Conceue to be Coman land no man shall fence it in for thare propor vse but it shall Remain Coman still tell the towne do order it other wase voted.

Ensigne goold desentes from this order.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men march 14eth 1678-79. there was two Rates made for to procure powder and buletes as the law diractes the on Rate Comited to samuell howlat Constabel to gather vp and bring in to the select men the wholl som of that Rate Comited to samuel howlat is fourtene pound six shilings and he is to gather vp but the on third of it for the other parte is al redi payde in porchesing that stock of powder and buletes that is in hand.

the other Rate is Comited to John Comines Clarke to gather vp of the villidgers that haue lad them salues to topcffeeld Compeni for to traine with them thare Rate the som of it is foure pownd ninteene shilins both these Rates ar to be payed in moni or indian Corne at two shilins a bushil al to be brought in to the select [men] of topcffeeld.

29 of aperel 1679. mr thomas baker was Chosen moderater for that meeting.

at a lawfull towne meeting 29. 2 mo 1679 the town agreed that the selectmen shall procure and by a cow for the vce of luck wackle [Luke Wakeling] and the towne will pay for her voted.

the towne of topcffeeld at a towne meeting the 29eth of aperel 1679 hauing heard an order Rad that was made by the Counte Corte at Ipswich Concerning oure being Required to pay a som of 60 pound to mr Jarimiah hobart which as the said order seemes to expres was promised for his Incorrigment to Com to topsfeeld wee being in the darke about it and not knoing of ani towne act that euer past nor ani towne Record that houldes forth ani such thing we doe Conceue it need full to suspend vntil thare be a forder oportuniti to be batter satsified by making inquire at the naxt Connte Court vpon whot groundes mr ier hobards petition was made and also how the towne Comes to be 60 pounds in his deat. voted.

boston, aperel 10th 1679.

Recd on act of samuel howlat and pament in full for the three last Rates due from the towne of topcffeeld to the Country. John Hull treserar. No. 391 this is samuel howlates Recet from the treserar.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men of topsfeeld the 14th June [1679] thay haue agreed thay that doe not Com to worke at mr hobartes to make a h[age] fence shall pay two shilings and six penc a day from sixteene yeares and vpward that the law doth not free.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men the fourth of iuli 1679 th[ay] hauing Receued a warrant from the Contre treserar whear in thay ware Required to gather of theare saueral inhabitants Ratable foure singel Contre rates that amountes to thirte Eight pound ninteene shilings & for that end thay haue made a Rate and Comited it to the Constabel [l] william perkeings iuner to gather vp and pay in to the Contre treserar in boston the whol som of the Rate that is deliuered to the Constabel is thirte nine pound twelue shilings 4d. al don in the forth of iuli.

at a lafull meeting of the select men the 27 of august 1679 thare war an order giuen to Ensigne goold and mr thomas baker for to demand and Receue of samuel howlat that moni Comited in a Rate to samuel howlat to gather vp for to by amonision as the l[aw] diracts the whol Rat is about feifteene pound the third part is onli to be gathered.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men ienuari the on and twenth [in] the yeare 1679. Receued of william perkeines iuner six pownd three shilin[gs] in part of pay of that deapt he oeth the towne for land he bought of the to[wne] twente two shilings 6d of this six pound three shilings is entered in ano[ther] place in the booke.

at a lawfull meeting of the salact men the 21eth of Januari 1679 th[are] was a rate made for the minister which amounts to sixte pound an[d] sixteen shilins and ten penc which is deliuered to william perkinis iun[er] being Constabel for him to gather vp and pay in to the minestar or cau[se] to be paed in to him or his assignes and to take a sofisiant discharge for the towne from the ministar of sixte pound which is due from the towne and bring that discharge to the select men.

daniel borman and John how and Epheram dorman and John nical[s] are Chosen tithing for this yeare insuing the ninth of february thay beegan theare yeare 1679.

at a lawfull meeting of the free men the 13 aperel 1680 samuel howlat was Chosen graniuri man for the yeare in suing. voted.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men Janari 7 1680 thar ware mad three Rates mad two for the Contri Containing fore singel Contri Rates and one Rat for the Counte Containing half a singel Contre Rate it amountes to about fue pound six shilings, also the Contri Rates on is to be played in moni and that Rate is twente two pound three shilings twente pound fourteen shilings is to be payed to the Contr[i] treasurer and fue shiling a deet to the select men which tha laid out for the biing and gating mesures for the townes use as law require, the other Rat amountes to twente pound fourteen shilings for the Contri and the Ra[e] amountes to one and twente pound three shilings and six penc. thes Rates are Comited to william smith Constabel to gather vp in ianari 1680.

2 of march : 1679 or 80. Leftennant Pebody was chosen Clarke for the yeare in suing. voted.

John how was Chosen to Rcord town actes this day 2 march 1679.

mr thomas baker sargen Radington Corp[re]l Jacob towne John houey and frances p[er]body are Chosen select men for this yeare in suing and tha are impouered to order the prudanciel afares of the towne this yeare. voted by papers.

Corporall william smith is Chosen Constabel for the yeare insuing voted.

John willes is Chosen Juriman of trials for naxt this Court to be at Ipswich. voted.

John french and John how are Chosen suruaeres for this yeare insuing voted.

at a towne meeting 2 of march 1670. 80 the towne haue mad Choice of

John how to giu a deede to mr william perkeins iuni[er] of that strip of land which the towne sold to him and is laad out to him by the select men
voted.

William auerel Enteres his Contrari desent.

mr baker Coporal towne and John willes are Chosen a Comitte to Run the boundes that are betwene the five hondered ackores that are laad out for the towne Comon and the lotes that but against it on the south that Coman here ment is on the south side the Reuer also tha are to run the boundes that ar betwene william auerel and danel borman and frances pabody soe far as thay Joyne together
voted.

the 22 of march 1679.80.

the fore sade three men mr thomas baker Corporall towne and John Wiles haue acording to towne order haue Reueued the boundes betwene daili borman and frances pabody by laing a heape of Rockes in that place where formerli theare was a tree but now Rotten and gon in leftenant Pebody orchard witnes our handes

Thomas Baker John wills Jacob towne

at a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 7 may 1680.

The Towne manifesed by voat that thay ware not Willing mr Hubbard should Continiae in ye Worke of ye ministrey here at Topsfeeld without mr Hubbard and ye Towne Can agree in a more Christan way than thay bee in at presnt.
voted.

the towne by vote does declare that if mr hobard desire a towne meeting hee may discors with the towne if hee apoynt a daye the next weeke thay will meet with him if hee giue notes on saboth day naxt. 7 may 1680.

The Towne has manifesed by vote that thay are willing to Jone with ye Viligers and our Neaighobers of the forimes of Ipswich that doe orderely Come to heare ye word heare to petition the Generall Court that wee might be Laid to gather for ye Cariang one ye ministerey may 7 1680.

at a lawfull towne meeting may 7 1680, william perkeines Juner and samuell howlat are Chosen Colacters to gather vp all Rates Comited to them for the minester or ani other Rates Comited to them and to sue In Case ani shal Refues to pay at bauerle or ani whear Elc where Rates are due to vs

at a lawfull towne meeting 7eth of may 1680. Ensigne John goold and mr thomas baker are Chosen to Joyne with the vilegeres and our nibores in Ipswich that Comonli Com to here the word of god here to Joyne with them to petision the general Court to grant that thay may Joyne with topfeeld to the mantaining of the ministre to gather. voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting the 10eth of may 1680. John willes and John how a[re] Chosen to looke that men Ring thare swine acording to towne order
vote[d].

at a lawfull meeting of the select men the tenth of July 1680 thay Receuing the new laws made at the generall Court heeld ma— last 1680 abought new standereds or meseres for

Corne bere and wine we the select men doe promis the Constabel to defray the Charges that he shall all nasasarili la out on this ocasion
voted.

at a lawfull meeting of the select men the 27 Juli 1680, frances pabody was Chosen to sele wates and mesures by the town standered as is now newli Com from Inland and is at present to be our standered in masetuset Colene
voted.

at a lawfull towne meeting the tenth of august 1680. Ensigne goold is Chosen Comisionar to Joyne with the selectmen to take notes of the townes heades and estates Ratabel and to Cari in the townes Estat to salam at tim and plac acording to law
voted.

this is to sarti fie that samuel howlat Constabel hath satis fied the Counte Rate which was made in the yeare 1678 and Comited to him to gather vp this twenti ninth of September 1680.

Receued of samuell howlatt Constabel of topcfeld in full of the Counte Rate due in 78. the some of three pounds fiue shilings I say Re-
cieued
pr me Robart Payne tresear.

the two and twenteth of october 1680 william smith Constabel
g * * * * * that the select men In the behalf of the towne did fore warn him of liuing as a[n] inhabitant in topcfeld fore dayes after he brought his famili within the boundes of topcfeld

at a lawfull meeting of the select men 7 Januari 1680, the select men Rackened with William Perkins about his dat he oeth the towne and he hath payed of his deat of fortene pound nine pound six shilings and six penc as he did make apere by Recetes where he had paed the townes dattes as he was ordered good man Robeson is paed in this account for two yeare Ending in march next insuing for sweeping the hous.

topcfeld the 14 of Januari 1680. Receued of the towne of topcfeld for mi labor in the ministri thare for the yeares 1675 and 1676 the some of sixte pound for each vpon a true account with John how Constabel for the years afore said i sa rcieued by mee
Jarimia hobart.

witnes et thomas baker and John how.

at a lawfull towne the 17 of december 1680. the towne did agree and Cuse a Comite to agree with mr danforth for his Contenuing here at topcfeld in the worke of the ministri as the towne shall giue diraction to the Comit[e] tha shall Chuse
voted

at a lawfull towne meeting in Januari 1680 frances pabody and Ensigne goold are Chosen by the towne of topcfeld as a Comite acording to dyraction from the honared maior genaral danison for the produsing the best auidanc tha Can to proue our titel good to the sile wee liue on
voted

John goold senr John Redington decon thomas perkeins frances pabody mr thomas baker John pabody Jacob towne senr Isack Este John houey neamia abot John willes these fore mencioned men ar Chosen a

Comite in the behalfe of the towne to agree with mr danforth for his Continuing here with vs at topcfeeld in the worke of the ministri and wee doe farther giu pouer to the Comite to chuse som amongst them-salues or ani other as thay shall see meet to goe and spak with the deputi gouarnor or ani other that may beconserned abought mister danforth sattelment voted

the town hath giuen pouar to the Comite that thay haue Chosen to agree with mr danforth and to profar him three score pound a yeare one third in siluer and the other two thirds to be payed in Corant pay of the Contre at the Contre prise namli in wheat porke malt butter Rie indean Corne an equal proposon of all with out ani particular parson or parsones doe agree with mr danforth to take it in ani on of the afore mencioned payes and if the Comite Canot agree with mr danforth for whot is afore specified thay haue powar to promise thirte pownd in silver and the other thirte pownd as is before speified voted

at a lawfull meeting of the select men the 11 february 1680 danell Clark Isack Comines senr John french and John Cortes ar Chosen for titthing men for the yeare insuing voted

At a Lawfull Towne meting the furst of march 1680 or 81 Leftenant Pebody was Chosen Clarke for this yeare.

tobiiah perkeins Is Chosen Constabel for the yeare insuing voted

Ensigne goold Isack Este Ephroam darman frances pabody and samuel howlat are Chosen select men for the yeare insuing voted

Corperal towne is Chosen to sarue on the iuri of trials the naxt Counte Couart heeld at Ipswich voted

at a lawfull towne meeting the first of march 1680 or 1 the towne granted to John Cortis to be a free Comonar as is granted to other of his nibores ar as tobiiah perkeins and mickal donel ar voted

mr thomas backer Ensigne goold and John houeay ar Chosen a Comite to goe and veue land that Isack Este and thomas perle haue prounded to the town * * and to mak Retorne to the towne the nax towne meeting how they find it for the towne to be willin to grati fie those men voted

mr thomas backer Corporal Jacob towne william smith sener ar Chosen to goe to Ipswich Cort naxt Ensigne goold to goe also to see if tha Can disposes hunkins and Remoue heem from topcfeeld and tha ar to prosecute It to efect voted.

this towne meeting is aiorned tell the 22eth of this instant march voted

at a lawfull meeting of the select men the tenth of march 1680 or 81 the select men now in being doe Consent and agree with Insigne goold is Chosen and John houeay that thay shall sat vp a galari in the meeting hous the wholl length of the hous and to make it three seates wide the lanth of the hous and tha ar to be paed by those that shall sit in tham according to that the towne did agree at a towne meeting in the yeare 1678 as ye may find 15 page voted

at a lawfull towne meeting the 22eth of march 1680 or 80 the towne agreed that the towne order about swine in the yeare 1673 for yocking and Ringing swine shall stand in full force tell the town see Cause to alter it voted

John how and John french ar Chosen soruaeres to see to the mending hiwas for the yeare insuing and fences also. voted

at a lawfull towne meeting the 22eth of march 1680 or 81 the towne did agree that the select men shall order the prudancial afares of the towne but thay shall not alinat or giue or exchang ani of the townes land voted

Lliut pebody is Chosen to seale all the meseueres of topsfeld and yards as ye doe Requier for th : : yeare in sueing voted

Resceued of William Smith Constabell of Topsfeeld in full of his County Rate this 15th march 1680 the some of 5lb: 3s: 4d: 105lb 03s: I say Reseued by mee Roberd Payne Treseuer

This is a true Copeye of ye Treseuer Reseaute to ye Constabell the 22 : march 1670 : or : 81 frances pabody Clark

at a lawfull towne meeting the 22 march 1680 or 81 the towne granted liberti to the vilegeres to bi a third part of the galeri to sit in so that to pay proporsonabel to the ministri as is Judged meet by

Left Pebody Decon Pirkins John Houey

Ensigne Gould Sargt Pebody

at a lawfull towne meeting the 22 march 1680. or. 81 the Towne doth giue full power to mr Thomas Baker & Corpl Jacob Townes & John How to demand of any man or men that hath any Land Lying in our Towne to show there bounds of ye Land thay haue in our Towne bounds and if thay or hee dos refuse to show there bounds thay haue full power to sue for a mesere of there Land and to doe thare best indeuer to reCouer for ye Towne whot is more then there grants : and ye aboue named men are to haue one halfe of what they recouer for there paynes with out ye Towne see good to pay them dubbel waiges for there time thay hauing power to agree with those men that haue Land with in our bounds the Towne haueing halfe or other wise as is before expressed voted

The following sentence is written and then crossed out.

"the true meing of this order is that thay shall meseuer only ye putnam Land and fa"

At a Lawfull Towne Meeting ye 22 : march 1680 or 81 The Towne Meeting a Jorened and Left to ye descriton of ye selectmen to Call et and if thay see good or neede of et and if thay doe Cale this meeting thay are to signifie et vnder there hands in wrightteen

there is a rate made the Eight of aperel the yere 1681 being the forth parte of a singel Contre Rate which is to be paid in moni for the masin-gar or agantes for thare expedition for london our warrant is for two pound eleuen shilinges and nine penc but the rate the wholl som is fite sauen shilinges and three penc this Rate was deliuered to the Constabel

tobiiah perkenes the 26 day of aperel for to gather vp and Cari in to the Contri tresarer as his warrant diractes him.

at a lawfull town meeting the forth of may 1681. Ensigne goold and sargen John Redington ar Chosen to goe to mr apes at salam to see if he will excapt of a Call to the menestre here

boston may 10 1781.

Receted of mr John how Constabel of topsfeild by saueral paymentes in Rates pay and money in full of the town Rates and the two six Rates and the three Rates for the yeares 1676 and 1677 two hondeed and fueti fore pounds fore shilings and six pence I sa Receued by order of mi master mr John hull per me John newman Witnes William smith.

boston may 21eth 1680

Receued of mr william perkens Constabel of topcfeeld by saueral pamentes in full of the last four Rates in money and as moni ninteene pound nin shilings and ten penc and in full of the half moni Rate fue pounds one shiling and six penc and in Rate pay in full of the last singel Contre Rate ten pounds three shilings I say Receued by order of my master John hull esquir

by me John newman

Receued may 9eth 1681 from william smith one aCount of of tobiiah perkens two pounds alauen shilings and 9 penc being in full of topcfeeld moni Rate for our agantes

James Rusil tresarer

at a lawfull towne meeting the 17 of June 1681 Ensigne goold and Isack este ar Chosen to goe to mester danel apes to se if he will Com to help vs in Respect of the menistri eueri other saboth or oftener if he Can in order to a forther axperianc of ech other

voted

At a Lawfull Towne Meeting ye 17 June 1681: The Towne has ordered that there shall bee noe boge mine doge in ye Towne but by some townes man: and hee that dos dige et shall Carey et with his one teme or hierce a townesman to Carey et alwayes prouided hee that diges it a greees with the seclactmen of the Towne to pay fouer pence a ton for the Towne vese ether in siluer or Iron and this order stands in force till next march: Towne Meeting after the date hereof on till forder order bee taken about it

voted

at alawfull meeting of the select men iune 27eth 1681 the select men granted Ensigne goold liberte to dig twente tun of bogmine and is [to] paye six shilings and Eight penc in silver or iarn acording to town order

voted

At a Lawfull meeting of the seclact men June 27: 1681 the seclactmen haue granted Liut pebody Liberty to dige twent[e] ton of bogemine hee paying six shiling & eaight penc in siluer or Iron aCording to towne order

Voted

at a lawfull towne meeting 15eth of iuli 1681 Ensigne goold and John houey are Chosen to be mesingares by the towne to gee to mr John danforth to Renew thare inuitacion of him to the work of the minestri but if he Refuse then tha ar to goe by the best in formacion tha can gat to procure another to Com vpon trial a while

voted

at a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 29 of July 1681 Thomas perkins Jur and Joseph Bixby Junr are Chosen to goe to Cambrig to pilot mr Capen to Topsfeild to Liut pebodyes house

Lliut pebody Deckon perkins Sargt Redington James How senr Mr Tho: Baker John Gould Sargt pebody Samuel Busell senr John Wilds John How Iacke estey Clarke are Chosen a Commity to discorse with Mr Capen to stay and preach here with vs at Topsfeild a while

at a lawfull towne meeting 23 6mo 1681 mi thomas baker was Chosen Comisionar to ofisiate as the law directes about the singel Contre Rate with the select men

at a lawfull towne meeting the fift of saptember 1681 John how was Chosen to sarue on the Juri of triales naxt Counte Couart heeld at Ipswich
voted

at a lawfull towne meeting the fift of sapember 1681 sargen Redington Jacob towne senr and John how or ani two of them ar Chosen to acompeni mr Capen to dorchester when hee goes to viset his frendes and to bring him agane if tha Can with his frendes Consent to Contene with vs in the ministri
voted

at a lawfull towne meeting fift of saptember 1681. John houey isack este John how and Eprem dorman ar Chosen a comite to goe and vew how Conveneantli the towne may exchange two or three acres of land about bare hil plane with mr thomas backer he laing doune so much more aioyning to our Coman land prouid he and his ares shall buld and keep hous and barn and a tenent on that land
voted

at a lawfull towne meeting the 26 of saptember 1681 the town hath agreed to giue mr Joseph Capen sixte fiue pownd by the yeare twente pownd of it in siluer forti fiue pownd in other pay as namli in Corne porke and beefe and the vse of the parseneg house and land the towne doth leue it to mister Capen to Chuse whether he will Chuse this or to Chuse sauente fiue pound in Corant pay as Corne porke and beefe and the vse of the parseneg house and land
voted

mister Capen hath made Coyce of sixte fiu pound twente of it in moni
At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 4 of Nounber 1681 et was agreed that there should bee a Rate make to pay ye former Constabell Namely John How the fouer pounds nine shilings & two penc that was formerly Laid apon ye Gouenr: Symon Brodstreet esqr and ye selectmen are ordered to make et not with standing any former Town order
Voted

at a Lawfull meeting of ye seclctmen ye 20 of desember 1681: et was agreed by them to forwarne euenes mories from staying in Topsfeild but to goe forth with to ye plase wher he has bin a inhabitance for a boue six month: namely to nebeuway and thay haue forwarned euenes mories out of ye Towne forth with and firther in case the said Euin Morris doth not departe the Towne forthwith: Ensigne John Gould and John How are Chosen to Complain to a Thority that he may be setteled according to law

this 13 day of Jenewarey 1681 the seclctmen mete and agreed With Samuel Symons to bld a pulpit for vs here at Topsfeild.

the bargin is as folet the said Samuel Symons is to bild a pulpit ten foot Long and if ye rome will giue way it is to belonger & for breth as ye rome will giue way it is to bee a wainshote pulpit and ye sd Symons is to doe all belongin to ye pulpit except the flore for ye bottom and finding bords and nailes ye Seclectmen are to find but to Lay ye flore and make ye stares ye said Symons is to doe it: and for to doe all ye worke about ye pulpit as is before mencned ye seclact men in behalfe of ye Towne are to pay to Samuel Symons ten pounds and this worke is to be don and fineshed by ye 15 day of apriell next in sueing ye date a boue dated and ye pay that ye Seclectmen haue agreede ye Towne are to pay Goodman Symons in is one halfe in Corne at ye Contry price and ye other halfe in neate Cattell and if any body payes in money is to haue one thurd part of his proportion abated and ye seclactmen doe bind themselues Jontly to see ye Towne dos pay Goodman Symons as is aboue agreede: the time of payment is when ye worke is done as Witnes our hands ye day and yeare a boue dated.

Samuell Symonds

John Gould senr

Samuell Howlett

frances pabody

Isack Estey sen

Ephraim Dorman

At a Lawfull meeting of ye seclactmen ye 31 of Jenewary 1681. William Nicklos & mr William perkins Junr and John Houey and Corpr William smith ar Chosen Tieeingmen for Topsfield for ye yeare insueing.

at a lawfull meeting of ye select men the 31 of Januari 1681 wee the select men Rackened with william perkenes Junar and we find by his notes that ware past to him by the select men that hee hath payed the fiftene pound that hee the a boue sayd perkenes was in dated to the towne for land he bought of the towne where by we doe a quite and discharg the sayed William perkenes of the fiftene pownd that hee was in datted to the towne as witnes oure handes the day and yeare aboue dated.

frances pabody

Ephraim dorman

Samuell Howlett

John Gould

Isack Esty

At a lawfull Towne meting the 7th of march 1681 or 82 Enssine John Gould is Chosen Clark for the yere ensewing. voted.

Lliut pebody Sargt Redington Deckon perkins Corpr Townes & John Gould are Chosen seclactmen to order the prudencitall afares of ye Towne for ye yeare in sueing. Voted

Daniell Redington is Chosen Constabell for Topsfeild for ye yeare insueing. Voated

John ffranch is Chosen Juereyman for trialls for this naxt Court hild at Ipswich.

it was Voated that John How & John Gould should prosikaute at Ipswich Court as ye seclactmen did before order tham to see and if thay Can Keepe euene mories from being a Townesman here at Topsfeild. Voated

John ffranch & John Townes are Chosen to be siriuouers for

ffences and hie wayes & bridges for this yeare insuing. Voated

The Towne has a greed by Voate that they doe Consent to ye bargain the seclctmen haue made with Samuel Symons about bilding ye pulpit.

Voated

William Auerey enters his desent to ye Voat aboue wrighteen about ye pulpit

The Towne has Agreed that euerey man that is Legaly warned to Come to ye hie wayes with a teme and dos niglict to Come shall bee fined six shiling a day for euerey nicelect and euerey man that is warned to Come to worke at the hie wayes and niclect shall pay by way of a fine two shilings and six pence pr. day so niclecting it shall bee Countied Legall waring and if there is two days betweene ye day of waring and ye day of working and the Seruayeres are to goe & destraine for ye fines and giue it to ye men that dos ye worke or hiere other men to worke in there rome.

Voated

The Towne dos agree that any body that dos ring hoges shall haue three pence pr hoge. hee finding rings that dos ring there hoges and is ordred by ye Towne to doe ye worke.

Voated

Peter Shamway & James Watters is Chosen to ring hoges for this yeare.

Voated

The Towne has Voated that ye old Towne Booke shall bee Trancribed in to ye new Towne Booke all that is needful to bee don & that is not all redy don

Voated

Lliut pebody & John Gould are Chosen to Transcribe all ye old Towne booke in to ye newe Towne booke as is Needfull to bee don

Voated

The Towne has agreed that ye seclctmen shall repair all breaches about ye meeting house & parsonig house & barne & to make seates in ye meeting house & mend ye wach house and all other prudencnall afares of ye Towne all at ye Towne charge prohibiting the seclctmen from aliniting any of ye Towne Common.

Voated

Topsfeild Aprill 11th 82. reckned with & receiued of Samuell Howlett Constabel fore Topsfeild: an 1678. the full some of 60lb for my rate for ye yeare 78 I say receiued pr me

Jeamr Hobbord.

this is a true Copy of mr Hubbord Receiat as atested by me.

Dated ye 12 A[p]riell 1682

John Gould Clarke

at a lawfull meting of the selectmen 20 of desember 81 upone conseration of our naighbour Samuell Bussell hath not a conueniant place in our meting hous as he is ordered to sit in tharefore we doe manifest our wilignes that he should sit in the second seate uoted also Leftenent pebody is ordered to inform him

uoted.

Ensigne John Gould and Isaac Easty senier are Chosen to goe to mr Jerymiah Hobbord to demand the key of the parssenidg house.

uoted

The seclctmen haue forbiden and doe by this prsent declare that there shall be noe raile timber feled tell ye generall Towne meeting with out or-

der from ye selectmen and any man has Liberty to take any raile timber that is upon ye Common that has bin feled one yeare or that dos Lie in a decaying Condition Voated

At a Lawfull meeting of ye Clectmen ye 27 of desember 1681 Corpl Jocab Townes and John How are Chosen and appointed to rune ye Line for Deckan Tho: perkins which is betwene ye Common Land and Deccon perkins Land

at a lawfull meeting of the select men 3 day of saptember 1681 John Robeson excapted of william perkenes iuner pamaster for his sweping the meeting hous tel march naxt which som is twente fiu penc by the selectmens ordering perkenes to pay him

a Rate for the minester for the yeare 1681 begining in nouember.

mr william perkenes	01 08 5	wedoe andros	00 08 00
mr John brodstreet	01 12 4	John Ceuy (?)	00 11 00
frances pabody	03 04 0	thomas Ceuy (?)	00 07 04
Ensigne John goold	02 12 8	petter shomay	00 07 03
sar John Radington	02 07 11	Isack Este iunr	00 07 01
decon thomas perkenes	02 07 0	John towne	00 05 10
mr thomas baker	02 07 03	thomas towne	00 05 07
wedoe mary towne	01 10 00	James watteres	00 09 04
sar Isack Commes	01 11 07	Elisha perkins	00 08 09
Eproam dorman	01 02 06	Zecheus perkins	00 09 08
Cor Jacob towne	01 08 09	thomas Caue	00 07 00
thomas dorman	01 09 02	Joseph Este	00 07 00
John houey	01 15 05	William Wotson	00 06 00
John willes	01 02 01	Abraham Radington	01 05 0
Isack Este senr	01 03 00	John Cimball	00 13 0
danell borman	01 08 09	Robard stilles	00 15 0
danell Clarke	01 00 0	samuel busell	01 00 0
william auerell	01 00 06	william foster	00 15 0
John pabody	01 10 00	Joseph pabody	00 14 0
Joseph towne	01 02 03	danell black	00 08 0
John Cortes	00 15 08	Zecheus Corteus sen	00 14 0
mikall donel	00 13 9	Zecheus Corteus iune	00 10 0
mathew stanle	00 14 09	Joseph bigsbe iunr	00 05 0
John how	00 13 00	John Ramsdell	00 06 0
John french	01 01 11	sargen bigsbe	01 00 0
John prechet	00 15 02	neamiah abit	00 15 0
william nickalls	0 15 06	James how senr	00 10 0
samuell howlat	0 15 02	Isack foster	00 07 0
John Robeson	00 15 06	samuell pearle	00 08 0
william perkins iunr	00 12 05	thomas perle	00 09 0
John nickalls	00 15 11	abraham how	00 06 0
william hobes	00 13 06	Robard smith	00 13 0
phelap knite	00 10 04	timothy perlle	00 06 0
tobiiah perkins	00 13 08		

samuell simanes	01	06	0	Jonathan looke	00	16	02
william howlat	01	04	0	John lamson	00	01	10
danell wood	00	06	0	John fisk	00	04	2
beniman bigesbe	00	05	0	mathew perce	00	06	00
thomas andros	00	18	0	danel andros	00	01	03
Cor william smith	01	11	4	samuell Cornish	00	02	0
Isack borten	00	16	0	Joseph hearick	00	00	9
John hunckens	00	08	0	samuell Cimbali	00	01	03
samuell stanlle	00	05	9	John poland	00	00	10
leftenet thomas putnum	00	04	2	Wedoe herick	00	00	9
mr Joseph porter	00	04	0	samuell molton	00	00	9
beniman porter	00	11	0	James frend	00	01	6
mr John hale	00	01	6	Joshua Ray	00	04	4
Jonathan walcot	00	01	6	Edman bishop	00	02	0
william dodge senr	00	01	6	nikoles woodberi	00	02	0
Cor william Rament	00	01	6	John black	00	01	0
John Rament	00	01	6	Ephroom hearick	00	00	4
thomas Rament	00	01	6	John Andreus	00	03	04
william dodge iuner	00	01	6	Joseph Andreus	00	03	00

Topsfield Aprill 11th: 1682 Reckned with mr William perkins Junr Constabell for an 79 he hath payd mee the full rate of 60 pounds due for ye yeare 79 I say reseiued

pr mee Jeremiah Hobart

this is a true Copy of mr Hubbort receat as atested Dated ye 12 Aprilli 1682. pr mee John Gould Clarke.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 12 Aprilli 1682 Mr Tho: Baker & Corpr Jacob Townes & John How are Chosen to goe & rune ye perambulation Line with Salam men the seuteene day of this Instant Aprilli.

Voated

The Towne has manifesd by Voate that they will giue Zacheus Curties senr Clabords & shingels for to Clabor[d] & shingell his house prouided et dos not amount to aboue fiuteene hundred of Clabbords & shingell.

Voated

The Towne has agreed to giue ffull power to mr Tho: Baker & Corpr Jacob Towne & John How to sue for a meseuer or for a true & exact a Count of all ye Land any man or mene doe Clame within our bounds and ye a for said men are impowered to sue or other wise at any Court or Courts and to prosiCate from Court to Court tell they haue ended ye Case: this is to Confarme any former order relating to some of Salom men that haue Land in our bounds and whenham men or any that dos go upon our Commons.

Voated

At A Lawfull meeting of ye Seclectmen of Topsfeild the 4 day of May 1682.

Mr Thomas Baker & Corpr Jacob Townes & John How are Chosen and apionted & haue full power giuene granted to them to settell a Line betwene Wenham and Topsfeild Ether by a greement Vnder both parties hands or by a Commitey Chosen by both parties or else to

bringe Whenham men by Law to settell a Line or any other way as the three aboue named men shall see beast for ye good of our Towne.

At A Lawfull meeting of ye selectmen the 4 day of May 1682 wee doe hereby giue full power to Mr. Thomas Baker Corpr Jacob Townes & John How to demand of aney or all the men of Salam or Whenham that Clame Land or Medoe in our Townes bounds, to show there rightes and titels to those Lands Clamed by them and also there seuerall bounds to those Land Clamed by them and if any or all of them shall refuse or doe not make et Legally apere how thay Came by those Lands thay Clame to ye satisfaction of ye aboue said Baker Townes & how: wee doe heareby giue them full power in ye Name of ye Towne to make trespas on those Land or sue the Clamers thereof and procekeut the Law against them or any of them or to Compound and a gree with any of them as thay shall see meete and what so euer thay shall doe there in wee will owne and stand by and conferme as witnes our hands.

John Gould senr

Thomas Perkins

frances pabody

John Redington

Wee Tho: Baker & Jacob Townes & John How not with standing what ye select have ingaged to Vs in there order bareing date ye 4 May 1682 to bare Vs out in sueing or running a line with Whenham men doe intend noe other pay but what ye Towne hase ingaged in there former order or any other that ye selectmen order dos giue Vs power to sue for as witness our hands

Thomas Baker

Jacob towne

John How

the 4 May 1682 there was a Rate made and Committed to Daniell Redington Constabell of Topsfeild a mounting to fieve pounds in silver for agants goeing to his Maiestey.

Recd June 9th from William Smith seuerall paminents Amounting to twenty Three pounds fieve shillings & nine pence in money & twenty foure pounds fouearten shilings in Contrey pay being in ffull of Topsfeild proportion to fouer country Rate & A quarter I say reced

pr Jame Rusell Tresuer.

This is a true Copey of ye Tresuer Resate this 20 day of June 1682 as atested by

Ephraim dorman

John Gould Senr

recorder for Topsfeild.

Will: Smith was Constabell for ye yeare 1680 for ye Dates as he has paid to ye Tresuer as ye Tresuer Resect dos make apere abou dated.

at A Lawfull Towne meeting the 20 June 1682 the Towne granted to mr Joseph Capen twelue eachers of vpland & medoe or swampe that will make medo: if mr Capen dos settell a mongst vs and except of ye ministerall ofeicese a mongst vs and if God by his prouedances dos take a way mr Capen from vs: then the Towne dos desier to haue the refusall of bying the Land paying mr Capen for what hee has Laid out one ye Land as aney othher man or men shall doe.

Voated

The Towne dos Vnderstand by ye selectmen that Mr Capen will except

of aparcell of Land that was shone Mr Capen by ye selectmen neere to John How and if Mr Capen dos not Like that percell of Land thin ye Towne has Chosen a Commitey to goe & Looke one some other plase and make returne to ye Towne where it is which hee shall haue and if it be not greetly to ye Townes damig but if Mr Capen dos except of ye plase showne him by ye selectmen then ye Commity are impowered to Lay it out whe. Mr Capen dos desier it to be don Voated

Leiut pebody Sargt Redington Corpr Jacob Townes & John Wilds & John Gould Senr. are Chosen a Commitey to goe & lay out twelue eachers of Land & swampe or medoe to Mr Capen when Mr Capen dos desier it & if Mr Capen dos Like ye plase that was shone him by ye selectmen : and if Mr Capen dos not Like that plase then thay are to goe with Mr Capen to Looke one some other plase and make returne to ye Towne of ye plase then desiered by Mr Capen acording to Towne order. Voated 20 2mo 1682

At a Towne meeting Walter ffaierfield & Deacon ffiske are Appointed to Joyne with the selectmen to meett with Topsfield men : on fry-daye Come fornite and haue full power to settle the Lyne betwene Topsfeild & or Towne

that is a true Coppey taken out of the Towne booke of Wenham Attested Thos : ffiske recorder to the Towne.

this is a true Coppey of Wenham men order as apered Vnder there recorder hand : as atested John Gould recorder for Topsfeild this 24 June 1682.

Wee whose Names are Vnder Wrighteen being impowered by our Respectife Townes fidelicet Topsfeild and Wenham meet to gather this fifth day of the thurd month 1682 to settell a deuotional Line beetwixt our Townes : haue agreed that from a Littell tree neere Joseph Porters medow marked with T and W : and set about with a heape of stones and from thence to a plump of mapels marked which standeth northward from the fore sd tree and standeth by Charles Gots medow and from thence towards the Reuere a Cording as the brooke runes Vntill it Cometh to an Iland by the Edge of a swamp Joineing to a peece of medow Called Pegdons medow and from the weast point of ye sd Iland by the edge of ye medow tell it Cometh to ye West side of Pegdens medow a foresaid said and so in Cludinge ye said medow to Wenham to an Iland Caled hocellbarey Iland and from thence to the est end of ye sd Iland in Cluding all Walter ffarefeield medow to Whenham by a straight Line and this agreament to bee a full settlement of a diuotional Line betwene our Townes and in Confermation thereof wee haue set too our hands.

Tho : Baker

Tho : ffiske

Tho : Patch

Jacob Townes

Walter ffarefeild

William ffiske

John How

Charles Gott

This is a true Coppey of ye orignell Vnder there hands as thay bee now set downe as atested by me John Gould recorder for Topsfeild.

this is Compared with ye oregonall atested by me

John How.

At a Lawfull meeting of ye selectmen the 12 of September 1682

the selectmen haue agreed to forewarne ye Widdoe Bridges out of Topsfeild with her Children and thay haue ordered the Constabell to goe and forwarne her from staying here in Topsfeild.

at A Lawfull meeting of the Towne of Topsfeild & the neighbors of ye Vilege Ipswich farme ye 25 september 1682 being meete togather to heare Mr Capen Answer did reseufe his Answer and Voated et to be entred in ye Towne book Voted

Corpr Will Smith is Chosen to sarue on ye Juerey of Trialls this Court now to be hild at Ipswich the Last tuesday of this Instant month Voated

at a Lawfull meeting of ye freemen of Apriell 1682 Thomas Dorman is Chosen to sarue on the Grand Juerey for this yeare Voated

it was Voated that ye selectmen should goe and aduise with Mr Capen about his settelment here with Vs and what way Mr Capen would haue it don and so make returne to ye Towne Voted

25 September 1682

it Was Voated that ye selectmen shall goe and aduise with mr Capen which way mr Capen will haue the money Laid out that is subCribed to be giuene to mr Capen.

In Answer to ye motion of ye Church & Towne of Topsfeild and ye Neighbors of Rowly Village & Ipswich: Sept. 18: An Do 1682: Hauing taken into serious Consideration ye motion which hath been made by your selues to mee in order to ye worke of ye ministry among you, hauing also to ye Vtmost of my Vnderstanding & abillity Eyed & obsurued both ye word & ye prouidences of God in order thereunto: and Although I am greatly sensible of my inabillity and Insufficiency to so great a worke, yet seeing it is God who hath by his prouidence brought mee into ye same & not seeing my way Clear to break of from that Worke, Considering also ye Continuance of yor Loue & good Affection to mee hauing also been Earnest with that God (Wich directeth his in all their Wayes setteth bounds to ye habitations of all men) for guidance Counsell & Direction in this great Affair: Waighing all these things together I do Intend if God shall Continue me in this Worke by Assitting & inabling mee there Vnto to Continue With you in the Worke of ye Gospell in order to a farther settlement in God own tim VnLese anything shall Interuene Which shall bee accounted by Indiffarant & Impartiall Judgments to bee Just ground & sufficient Reason to obstruct any proceedings of that Nature. Joseph Capen

This is a true Copey of mr Capen Answer to ye Church & Towne of Topsfeild & ye Neighbours of Rowly Village & Ipswich as atested

John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild.

I Thomas perkinsenr see it Compared and I doe aferme this aboue to bee a true Copey of mr Capen answer as witnes my hand Thomas Perkins.

Topsfeild, July 5, 1682

Receiued of Ensign Jno Gould & John How Constable of Topsfeild the Complement of a Rate of sixty pound for my Labours in ye ministry there in the yeare 77 I say Receiued

Per mee Jere Hobart.

This is a true Copey of mr Hubbord Reseate at atested by mee John Gould recorder for Topsfeild. Witnes willam smyth Thomas Dorman [the above 2 lines were afterwards interlined in the record with a blacker ink]

This is a true Copey of mr Hobart Reseate as atested John Gould Recorder for ye Towne of Topsfeild : 60 : 00 : 00

Reseued June 9th 1682 from Daniell Redington in full of Topsfeild Rate for our agents : fue pound in money.

Jame Russell Treasuer 05 : 00 : 00

this is a true Copey of ye Tresuer Reseate as atested John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild this 21 of Nouember 1682. witnes Ephrin Dorman.

at a Lawfull Towne meeting the 21 nouember 1682 John How is Chosen to answer at ye Court at Salom for Topsfeild for ther being Complaind of about a defected bridges

Voated

Topsfd July 5th 82.

Receiued of William Smith senr Constabel the Complement of a rate of Twenty pounds, made for my Labour part of the yeare, 80 at Topsfeild.

I say receiued Per mee Jere Hobart.

This is a true Copey Compared with ye orignall Vuder mr Hobart hand as atested by mee John Gould recorder for Topsfeild this 21 Nouember 1682. this is truly compared and ye oregenall actualy don by mr Hobeat atated by me John How.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting the 21 Nouember 1682.

The Towne has for ye full satisfieing of Mr Capen in respect of his good Answer to ye Church and Towne of Topsfeild and Neaighobers of ye Vilig & Ipswich farmes of his settlement amongst Vs in God one time in order to ye Worke of ye gospiell. The Towne dos ffuly Confurme ye Land granted to Mr Capen to bee his owne and if Mr Capen dos Lay out any Charge a bout ye Land ye Towne dos Looke at themselves, bound to pay Mr Capen for it as any man or men shall doe aCording to former Towne order if any thing by God prouedance shall hinder Mr Capen ordination a mongst Vs.

Voated.

The Towne Confarmed the bounds Laid out by John How & John Gould Senr to Mr Hobart of a pond & three eackers of Vpland to stand good to Samuel Howlett & his assigns for euer.

Voated.

John Houey entred his Contrey desent to ye Voat about Whighteen

Wee Whose Names are Vnder Wrighteen being apointed by ye Towne to Lay out three eackers of Land that ye Towne granted to Mr Jere Hobart Wee accordingly haue don it. beginning at ye pond by a stompe with a heape of stones at it being one ye North sid of ye Land and soe Rueing Esterly to a stake with a heap of stones at it and from thence sowertly to a Littell blake oacke marked with a heape of stones at it and from that Westerly to fouer Littell whiat oackes marked with a heape of stones at it a Joning to ye pond and ye bounds of ye pond

from ye whiat oackes marked as before said all a Long as ye trees bee marked to ye stompe with a heape of stones as before said the Land Joying to ye pond ye whiate oackes and ye stompe with ye stones at them doe Jone to ye pond being the two fouer bounds of ye three eackers of Land dated ye eight day of march 1677 or 78 John Gould, John How.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 21 Nounber 1682 The Towne has giuen power to ye select men to Let ye parsoniage house & barne & land belonging to it so as it may repare it selfe and not come to a Towne Charged to be repared.

Voated.

The Towne has Lefte it to ye selectmen adding Will: Auerey & Isacke Estay & John Wilds to ye selectmen for ye seateing of pepall in our meeting house.

Voated.

A Rate deliuered to Daniell Redington Constable for ye Contry a mounting to twenty fiae pounds for ye yeare 1681 and a rate for ye County treseary of fiae pounds in ye yeare 1682 and a rate for ye Contrey amounting to thurty pounds for ye yeare 1682.

There is a Towne Rate deliured to Daniell Redington Constabell a mounting to twenty fouer pounds fiuteene shiling & apeney bareing date 26 desembr 1682.

the Towne detes that ye Constabell is to pay out of this rate is twenty fouer pounds fiuteene shilings & apeney.

At a Lawfull Meeting of ye Selectmen ye 16 of Jenewary 1682.

The Selectmen haue agreeded with Samuel Symons to set Vp a galerey at ye West end of ye meeting hous of Topsfeild and ye said Symons Symons is to take pay of those that site in ye galerey for his Worke: & if any dos die or remoue and those that dos siruiee them dos not Continue Constant herers and Contributors to ye Word of God here at Topsfeild then it tis Left to ye maior part of ye Constant herers and Contributors to ye Word of God here at Topsfeild Whether thay Will by ye seats or giue them Liberty to sell to home thay see Good: also Samuel Symons has Liberty to alter ye stares that goes Vp into ye galerey now and to make one other pare of stares that shall goe into the galerey that ye sd Symons is to set Vp: and into ye galery that is already set Vp & if thay that sit in ye galery now will not bee at ye Charge of ye remoueing of ye stares With those yt dos sit in ye galerey that ye sd Symons dos set Vp then it tis to be put one a Towne a Count: also ye said Symons has Liberty to remoue ye Windoe that is ouer ye dore Wheare he is to set Vp ye galerey Leueing one Lite be Low

Thomas perkins	francies pebody	John Gould
Jacob Townes	John Redington	

At a Lawfull meeting of ye seclectmen ye 16 of Jenewr 1682

et was Voated by ye Seclectmen and Conclued by them that John Gould should send worants for Will: Auerey senr & Mr Will: perkins & John Houey & Will: Nickles which wee haue Chosen for Tieningmen for this yeare to Come to ye said Gould house and take there oathes a Cording to

Law for wee haue apionted ye sd Gould to giue them there oathes as
ye Law derects Voated.

At A Lawfull meeting of ye seclctmen ye 30 Jenewr 1682 or 83.

Wee haue Chosen Corpr Will: Smith to kepe ornorey at Topsfeild
which wee doe desier this honored Court to point him a tirm for ye end
also wee haueing our prinerall Town meeting in cold wether wee doe a
Low Corpr Smith to sell beer to ye Townsmen that day and to kepe a
fier in ye hous that day for The Towne to remoue there meeting and if
they see Case demand

At A Lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfeild the: 6: march 1682
or 83.

John Gould was chosen to kepe ye Towne booke for ye yeare insueing
Corpr William Smith is Chosen Constabell for ye yeare insueing for
Topsfeild

Sergt Isack Comings is Chosen to serue one ye Jeruey of triall the
next Court hild at Ipswich the Last tusday of this Instant march

Mr Thomas Baker Isacke Estey Clarke Sargt Ephrom Dorman Samuel
Howlett & John Gould Senr: are chosen seclctmen for to order ye
predenchall afaiers of ye Towne for this yeare insueing: only wee pro-
hibit them from giueing or selling or exchaing any of ye Townes Land.

Daniell Clarke Coming into ye Towne meeting the 6 of march 1682
or 83 and saing that hee had noe wright in ye Coming

The Towne has Voated Goodman Clarke a Comminer Voated

The Towne has a greed that Samuel Symons shall set Vp a galerey at
ye Este end of ye meeting house apon ye same Conditione that hee
has a greed with ye seclctmen to set Vp one galerey at ye West end of
ye meeting house Voated

The Towne has manisfected by Voate that thay doe desier Abraham
Redington Senr to Come and site in ye fore seeate and old Goodman
Nicklos in ye seckond seeate Voated

The Towne has a greed by Voate to pepition ye Generall Courte for
an axplanation of there grants of Topsfeild bounds Voated

The Towne does by Voat declare that there shall bee appetion pre-
ferred to ye Honored Generall Court for there axplaning of two grants
vpon Court reckons one baring date 1643 the other in ye yeare 1658:
this petition shall be preferred by Mr Tho Baker Jacob Townes and John
How or whom thay shall desier to Joyne with them.

The Towne has granted to Daniell Clarke that Littell silipe of Land that
hee has fenced in betwene his house and that house as peter Shanway
did Liue in but ye sd Clarke is not to remoue his fence any forder apon
ye Towne Common then it dos now stand Voated

John Wilds & Elisha perkins are Chosen to be seueruoyes for hie
Wayes & ffences for this yeare Voated

Wee Whose Names are Vnder Wrighteen Beeing Apionted by the
Towne of Topsfeild to Lay out to Mr Capen tweuele Eackers of Land it
being Vpland and Swampe & medoe as is in ye Towne booke expresed

Wee accordingly haue don it : begining at a stake standing upon the plaine next to Goodman How so Ruing norerly two and thurty rod to a Littell red oacke marked with a heape of stones at it : and from thence roining Esterly upon a straight Line to anelme marked With a heape of stones at it this Line is sixty rod Longe : and from the Elme apone a straight Line to a nash marked in the swampe neere Mr William perkins and this Line is thurty eaight rod Longe and from ye ashe tree upon a straight Line to the stake before named as Witnes our hands this 28th of febewary 1682 or 83

ffrances Pebody John Wilds
Jacob Townes senr John Gould senr

At a Lawfull meeting of ye selectmen ye 13 March 1682 or 83

John Wilds is Chosen a tieingman and his presinkes is from Samuel Howlett & all ye ffaimelies there about by Deckon perkins & all about Daniell Clarke & Tobigha perkins is Chosen a tieingman & his presinkes is all ye ffaimeles ffrom Sargt Comings to John prichats to Mr Baker & to William Auerey John Robinson is Chosen a tieingman and his presinkes is all a Longe from Corpr Townes Vp to John Gould John Nicklas is Chosen a tieingman of all ye ffaimeles one that sid ye riuier hee Lienes one.

At a Lawfull meeting of ye selectmen the 23 of Apriell 1683 Lliut Pebody & Mr Thomas Baker & John How are Chosen to meete With ye Gentellmen that Come from Ipswich at William Howlett one the twenty forth of this Instant month to settell a Line betwene Ipswich and Topsfeild.

I John How doe acknolig that I haue Reseued of Lliut pebody the ffouer pounds ninee shilings and two pence that ye Towne did a gree by Voat to pay mee for so much as they had rated ye Gounr Symon Bradstreet Esqr for and ye Gounr not paying of it ye Towne did pas a Voat the forth of Noumber 1681 that I should haue it in a Towne rate : a Towne rate being made for that end and deliuered to Lleut pebody I doe acknolig that I haue Reseued the hole some as is aboue expressed as Witnes my hand this 23 of Apriell 1683

John How.

Witnes John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild.

At a Lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfeild the 4 May 1683

Sargt John Redington is Chosen Ganieuey man for this yeare for Topsfeild.

At A Lawfull Towne meeting the 4 : May 1683 the Towne has giuene power to Lliut pebody & Mr Thomas Baker & John Wilds & Sargt Dorman to git Ipswich men to take of the Conditions that is in there grant to us and then to settell a Line With Ipswich for our Towne Voated

there Was a rate made by Vartey of a Worant from ye Contrey Treserur of two pound seuteene shilings & aLeuene pence to be paid in monney for Vnimproued Land his warrant did bare date Boston 27th March 1683 & it was made ye 9 March 1683 and deliuered to ye Consarbell of Topsfeild

there Was a rate made by Vartey of a Warrant from ye Contrey Tresurur of ten pounds two shilings to be paid in money for our agants and other neseray Charges for ye Contrey and delieured to ye Constabel the 9 May 1683 : the Treseuer Warrant did bare date Boston March 27th 1683.

At a Lawfull meeting of ye Seclectmen of Topsfeild ye 23 of July 1683

Whareas Wee did Reseue a Wrighteen from ye Seclectmen of Salam to apoint two men to meete som men thay Chose at Liut Thomas putnam one frieday next to Ley out a Contrey hie Way : betwene Salam & Andeuer

Wee haue Carefully Looked into ye Law and Wee find that Wee haue noe power to Chose men for that end for ye Law dos Say ye Townes shall doe it : in Loue Wee have Chosen two men to Come to meete yu to tell yu ye reson Whie Wee Could doe noe more at this time and ye two men that are Chosen is Lliut Tho : Baker & John Gould

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 22 of agust 1683

John ffranch Was Chosen a Commissioner to Joyne with ye seclectmen to take a List of all male persons and other estates as ye Law drects and to Carey it to ye shere Towne and to Joyne With ye Commissioner there as ye Law drects. Voted

At a Lawfull meeting of ye seclectmen of Topsfeild the 28 agust 1683

There being great Complaints Coming to Vs about many pepell Letting there rames rune apon ye Common to ye great damige of the breed of sheepe in or Towne and ye owners of the rames Will take noe Care to prvent ye damige that Comes by rames ruing one ye Common at Liberty Therefore to prvent forder damige by rames : ruing one ye Common it tis hereby declared by ye seclectmen that that man or men yt dos not fforth with take Vp his ram or rames from ruing at Liberty one ye Common or one any open ground yt is not inclosed shall forfeite ye one halfe of ye said ram to him yt take ye sd ram Vp and ye man yt take Vp ye ram is to Crie ye ram a Cording to Law and if noe owner apere Within ten dayes then he yt take up ye ram has Liberty to kille ye ram or to sekuere him from doeing damige as before expred and if ye owner dos apeere Within one fortnight ye one halfe of ye ram so taken Vp to ye owner and ye other halfe to ye man yt tooke him Vp and if noe owner apeere within ye time before expred then one halfe of ye ram so taken Vp to ye Ves of ye Towne and there is noe Liberty for rames to rune one ye ground Vninclosed from ye tenth of July to ye twelfth of Nouember and any man has Liberty to take Vp any ram so ruing within this time and this order to stand in force tell ye Towne see Case to make some other order about rames or ye seclectmen see good to repeall it. Voated

Apriell 22 1664.

According to the order of the Honoured Generall Court May the Seuenth 1662 Wee Whos names are hereunto subscribed ruinge the deuiding Line between Salam and Topsfeild. Wee rune from Salem meeting house six miles apon playne ground

(by trauis) somthing more Westerly then the north and by West poynt Wheare wee set a stake and erected a heape of stones, there standing a White oak a bout two or three pole more southerly of it marked with S T and from that heape of stones Wee first rune Eastward Circularly and marked a Whitoake with S T and so continuinge the Line With marked trees Vntill Wee Came at Bishops medow to a red oake marked at the north end of Bishops greater part of medow and so runinge betwene the two medows ouer Bishops brooke to a White oake and from thence to Long Sponge almost all the way through it by maples and one walnut tree marked in the Sponge from thence crose Thomas putnams medow to a red oake marked on the east side of it and so ouer the hill Through ffarmer porters medow Vnto a Littell Whit oake marked with T S which stands on the east side of the high way by the forde ouer the brooke Which is Commonly Called stoney brooke from thence in runes cross on other parcel of ffarmer porters medow on the north end of the Long hill which Lyeth on the south east of the said medow by a marked Wallnut tree and from thence to Wennum Line Which Line from the heape of stones is about two mille and one halfe.

Then Wee began at the first heape of stones and ran towards the south east (still keping six milles from Salam meeting house) Wee rune ouer the northeast end of Maior Haitherns hill about sixty pole by estimation from his medow from thence ruining by a marked tree ouer part of Mr Currins farme Crose by the sid of a Sponge of medow Which Lyeth Vpon Ipswich riuier neare thurty pole from the ruier, and from thence the Line runs be Low the side of the steepe hill by the side of the medow Vnto a marked pine and from that a Longe in that narrow Sponge of medow Vnto an other pine marked With S T standing in a Litell pine swampe on the east sid of the Litell brooke about two pole from it, from thence it ran through Henry ffelps feeld on the east sid of his house Vnto agreat red oake marked with S T standing a bout ten pole Westward of Andeuer road to Salam and from thence to a pine forward in the Line and so to a duble Whiat oake marked as before Which stands on the south of a Littell medow fenced in and from thence to redding Line soe that this South West Line is a bout four milles from the heape of stones, all Which markes was faithfully and exactly wrought acording to the rulles of art and the Whole bounds of Salam as now wee haue rune it is full six miles from Salam meeting hous

Thomas Noyes Jonathan Danforth

this was entred by Voate & order of ye Seclectmen of Topsfeild in to there Towne booke

This is a true Copey Compared With the orignall as atested by mee John Gould recorder for Topsfeild

at a Lawfull meeting of ye Town of Topsfeild the 2 day of Nouember 1683 the men that ye Towne did impower to sue and petition for the Lands that ware by Salam granted in or bounds haue don it and Come to ye

Towne for there waiges and their being but a small apearance the Towne sees good to a Jorne there Towne meeting tell ten aClcke in ye morn ye twenty of this Instant

At a Lawfull Towne meeting hild apon a Jorment ye 20 Noumber 1683

The Towne did manifest by Voate that the three men namely Lliut Thomas Baker Corpr Jacob Townes and John How shall haue ye one halfe of ye Land that thay doe recouer for ye Towne as fast as thay doe recouer it Leaueing one halfe to ye Towne all wayes as fast as thay doe recouer it and thay are impowered to goe one With perticklers sutes as fast as thay can tell thay haue recouered all as is ye Townes a Cording to Generell Court order and ye Land that shall be recouered by this aboue named men shall be eaquely defied betwene ye Towne and ye aboue named men Eaquelly both for quanty & qualety and there halfe shall be for there sattisfaction for all there disbursments a Cording to Towne order Voated

Wee Whose names are Vnder Wrighteen doe fully Consent to & With ye Towne that ye Towne shall haue ye forst profer of bying our parts of Land and if Wee doe sell it the True meing is to any inhabitanes of or Towne this is a full agrement with the three men and ye Towne

Lliut Thomas Baker Corpr Jacob Townes John How

This is a true Copey Compared with ye three aboue named men Consent there hands being set to it as it tis now in ye Towne Booke as atested P mee John Gould recorder for Topsfeild

Recd June 12th 1683 from Daniell Redington of Topsfeild in full of said Townes proportion to fiue Rates ye some of thurty fiue pounds fouer shilings in Contry pay & twenty pounds two shilings in money

P Jame Russell Tresuer

This is a true Copey Compared with ye Tresuer reseate as atested John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild Thomas Baker

This 22th of desember 1683

Receued of Daniell Redington of Topsfeild in full of his County rate in ye year 82 ye some of fiue pounds one shilings I say Resued P mee Robert Payne Tresuer 82

This is a true Copey Compared with ye Tresuer Reseate as atested P mee John Gould recorder for Topsfeild Samuel Howlett

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 25 desember 1683 John Gould senr and John Wilds are Chosen to deuide the Land by Whenham Line with Lliut Baker & Corpr Townes and John How that peice of Land as ye aboued named men did git of whenham men forder then or Line did rune before Voated

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 25 desember 1683 The Towne did giue mr Capen Liberty to set Vp a seate at ye Vpper end of ye pulpit Voated

Wee doe hereby declare yt wee are Vtterly Vnwillig to yeeld ether to a Rasignation of the Charter or to anything yt shall be equeualent there Vnto Whereby ye foundation there of should be raced.

This Was Voated by or Towne and ye Inhabatiance about Vs yt dos

Vesaly Come to or meetings

Voated

Wee Whoes Names are Vnder Wrighteen doe hereby declare that Wee are desierous yt all humbell applection be made to his Maiesty yt Wee may still inioy or priuileges according to charter

John How

John Robinson

John Townes

William perkins

John Wilds

Wee being Chosen by ye Towne to deuide aparcell of Lland that Was obtained by Lliut Baker Corpr Townes & John How by ye settlement of a Line With Whenham as will apeere in ye Towne Booke Vnder there hands that is a Commitey Chosen by Topsfeild to settell ye Lines betweene Whenham & Topsfeild and ye Towne of Topsfeild did grant to Liut Baker Corpr Townes & Jhn How ye one halfe of ye Land for there paynes & Cost thay haue bin out about it and chose John Gould senr & John Wilds to goe and deuide the Land With ye three aboue named men Which Wee haue done as foletth, the fforst Line begins at Joseph porters medoe and ye bounds settled by Whenham and Topsfeild next Whenham Caesway to a bunch of mapels at ye brooke shall remaine to ye Towne & ye brooke the bounds ye next marked bunch of maples at a Litell lland at ye end of Sargt Townes medow and the swamp one ye East side of the brooke the swamp and medow and Hucklebuerey lland a Cording to agreement With Whenham shall Remaine to Lliut Baker Corpr Townes and John How this is a deuision a greed apon and settled by Vs:

Dated ye 28 desember 1683

John Gould senr

Thomas Baker

John Willd

John How

Lliut Baker & John How signe in ye behalfe of Corp Townes as atested John Gould recorder for Topsfeild

Daniell Redington Constabel Came to mee ye the 4th march 83-4 and brought mee Reseates of ye pertickler somes as he was ordered by the selectmen to pay out of a rate made and Deliuered to him to gather Vp of twenty fouer pounds and ffuteene shilings and a peney and ye reseates Vnder the pertickler persons hands as it did apeere so that ye Constabell is fuly discharged of that rate of 24lb 15s: 01 d

I say this is true as atested by mee John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild at a meting of the salactmen the 18 of september 1677:

in Relation to the Law Concerning tithing men: we haue maed Chois: of mr Willyem Perkins Saner and Daken Thoms Perkins and Sargent Edman Town and Willyem Niquells as tithing men for Topsffeld: mr Willyem Perkins is to in spact thos ffolowing ffaamelis, Left ffrancis Pabody: mr Thoms Baker Thoms Dorman willyem Averell Daniell Borman Ephrim Dorman John Houye John Pretchet: Isack Comins:

Daken Perkins is to in spact thos folowing ffaamelis sargt: John Radington John Willd John franch Samuell Howlet Micall Donell John Comins Willyem Howlet: mr John Brodstreet Sargt Edman Town is to in spact thos ffolowing ffaamelys Ensign John Gould John Curtis Mathow stanly James Watters Joseph Town

Isack Easty Jacob Town John Robison Daniell Clark John How Lak
 wakliin willyem Perkins Willyem Niquells is to inspect thos ffolowing
 ffamelys John Niquells Thoms Kaney willyem Hobb Philip Knight
 John Gould frances pabody

Seuerall Rates made and deliured to Corpr Smith Constabell bareing
 date 14th Jenewary 1683

to one Rate for ye County at 08-15-00 to one Singell Countrate at 08-15-00
 to one rate & a halfe for ye Contry in money & depytes wages which
 all dos Come to 22-01-06

one ministerys rate which Comes to 65[£] one thurd of it money 65-00-00
 all thes rates are to bee payed in yt yeare 1683

At a Generall Court of Election held at Boston 10th day of third
 month 1643

Whereas the Court holden at Boston the 4th 7m 1639 there Was Certaine
 Lands Lying neere Ipswich Riuer granted for a Village Either to sume
 of the Inhabitants of Salam or Sume of the Inhabitants of Ipswich Whoe
 haue farmes neere Vnto the said Land to be inioyed by thoes Whoe first
 Setled a Village theere thay boath prepounding for it to gether : how euer
 the order mentioneth, only Salam inhabitants, and for as much as the
 inhabitants of Ipswich haue for neere this two yeare procured & main-
 tained one to dispence the Word of God Vnto them, Which thay intend
 to Continue : It is therefore ordered & granted that Mr John Endecott,
 & the said Inhabitants of Ipswich Viz Mr Bradstreet, Mr Symonds
 Mr Whittingam Mr William paine Mr Robert payne & Such other of
 Ipswich, or Salam as thay shall assosiate to themselues, shall haue
 Liberty to settle a Viladge neere the said Riuer of Ipswich, as it may bee
 most Convenient for them, to Which the afore said Land shall beLong
 Vizt all that Which Lyeth neere the said Riuer not formerly granted to
 any Towne or pson prouided that any of the Inhabitants of Salam, Whoe
 haue farmes neere Vnto the said Land now granted shall haue Liberty
 for one yeare next Coming to Joyne With the said Vilage, & to haue
 theire equeall & proportionable priuiledg in the same. And Wheareas
 Mr Bradstreet hath Liberty granted him to take his farme of fiue hundred
 acrs in the next Convenient place, that is fitt for a farme. to that Which
 is granted to Mr John Endecott Which may proue preiudiciall to the said
 Village, It is therefore ordered that the said Mr Bradstreete shall haue
 Liberty to take. his said farme of fiue hundred acres in any other place
 not yett granted to any Towne or pson not prejudiciall to any plantation
 made or to be made Which When hee hath so done & manefested the same
 to this Court his aforesd grant shall forth With be Voyd & the sd Lands
 shall be Long to the Village before mentioned to be disposed of by the
 Inhabitants there of for the good of the Whole and if Salam & Ipswich
 shall not agree before the next Court about a pcell of meddow, now
 desired by Salam, to be to Whenham, then the Court shall determin it

That this is a true Coppy taken out of the Courts Book
 of Records is atested by Edward Rawson Sectary

Vera Copia of yt Coppy taken by mee Hilliard Veren Clerk
 This is a true Coppy taken of yt Coppy by mee John Gould recorder
 for Topsfeild.

At a Generall Court held at Boston the 19 october 1658

In answer to the petition of the Inhabitants of Topffeild It being put to the question Whether, the Lands of Salam shal be accounted to Run from the meeting house six miles into the woods & noe more, Alwaies prouided that the pticular psons to Whome Lands haue beene granted by Salem Within Topsfeild Line shall be Long to the proprietors The Court resolues this question in the affirmatiue.

This a True Coppy taken out of the Courts booke of Records as atested Edward Rawson Secterey

Copia Vera of that Coppy atested Hilliard Vrin Clerk

This is a true Coppy of that Coppy taken P mee John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild.

At A Generall Court hild at Boston 10th of october 1683

In Answer to ye petition of Thomas Baker Jacob Townes and John How of Topsfeild for explanation of an order of Court made 19th of october 1658 reffering to Lands granted by Salem With in Topsfeild bounds Vpon A full hearing of the Case and What hath bine alleadged both by Salem and Topsfeild the Court doe Judge that the aforesaid order refers only to such Lands as were granted by Salem before the tenth of may 1643.

That What is aboue Written is A true Copie taken out of the Courts Records Atested Edward Rawson Sectrey

a Verie Copia of that Coppy as a tested John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild.

At A Lawfull Meeting of ye Towne of Topsfeild the 4th of March 1683 or 84

John Gould Senr is Chosen to kepe the Towne Bookes of reckords for this yeare in sueing Voated

Corpr William Smith is Chosen Constabell for this yeare insueing for Topsfeild

William Auery Senr is Chosen to Sarue one the Jeuerie of trialls the next County Court to beholden at Ipswich the Last tusday of this Instant March ssargt Redington Corpr Jacob Townes John Houey Thomas Dorman John Gould Senr is Chosen Sectlectmen to order the prudanciall afares of the Towne for this ensueing yeare prouied thay shall not disspose of any of ye Townes Land

at A Lawfull Towne meeting of the Towne of Topsfeild the 4th march 1683-84 Mr Tobigah perkins & Joseph Estey are Chosen seruayers for hie wayes for this insueing yeare Daniell Redington & Samuel Standley are Chosen fence Veueres for this Insueing yeare

Whereas the Towne had formerly giuen Lliberty to Liut pebody to set Vp a mell and to floe so much of the Townes Common as Was needfull for a mille (this Towne act not being found in ye Towne Booke) the Towne dos now by Voat declare that thay doe againe grant Lliberty to ye said pebody to float soe much of the

Townes Common as is for ye good and Vese of ye mille so Long as ye mill doth stand and grind for ye Towne Voated

The Towne has Chosen Lliut Pebody & Lliut Baker and John Wilds & Sargt Dorman to rune and Settell a Line With Ipswich men betwene or Towne & Ipswich only the Towne dos probabet the aboue named men from Consenting to any thing that may be to or Townes damage in Relation to making or Towne tresspasers in or Cattell Coming into the bounds of Ipswich Voated

John Houey Thomas Dorman & John Gould Senr are Chosen a Comitey to Lay out a Countrey hie way from Rowely to Topsfeild Voated

The Towne meeting is a Jorned to ye 18 of this instant march.

Mr Capen

Whereas as yu are pleased to moue something ConCorning the produce of the parsoning which the Towne Jenerally say thay did not expect but seauerall say that yor selfe said yu would haue nothing to doe with it apou which the sectectmen haue Leet it for twenty shillings a yeare. The Towne desiers to know yor mind sartin in that thing and if yu doe wholly renounce the parsonige the Towne will then answer yor Request in adding six pounds to yor Salery for prouiding yu ffler wood by the yeare Leauing our frinds of the Vilige and ffarmers to doe what thay will in that respect Voated

William Auerey Sener enters his Contrey desent to ye Voat aboue wrighteen

I do hereby declare my rediness & Willingness to accept of ye aboue mentioned proposall of ye addition of six pounds to my salery for ye precuring of my fierwood and do also hereby renounce ye use of ye personage Which I Vnderstand is by yor selues Concluded that I did expect

Your Saruant Joseph Capen

This is a true Copey of What Mr Capen did send to ye Towne the 18 of March 1683 or 84 as atested by mee John Gould recorder for Topsfeild Wetnesis

John How Ephraim Dorman

At A Lawfull Towne Meeting of the Towne of Topsfeild the 22 Aprill 1684

The Towne made Chose of Lliut pebody Lliut Baker Corpr Townes John Wilds Sargt Dorman John Houey & John How to settell a Line With Ipswich betwene Ipswich & Topsfeild and any fouer or fiue of them agreeing With those men that Ipswich shall Chose for yt end shall stand and thay haue full power to agree With Ipswich for thare settelment of a Line Which hath neuer bin don sence Wee ware a Towne Voated

The Towne has agreed that a deputy yt goes to ye Generall Court shall haue but ffiuteene shilings pr weeake in Countrey pay also thay haue a greeed yt a deputy shall goe to ye Generall Court apou ye Conditions aboue said Voated

Apon Ipswich or Rowly Refuesing to agree With or men to Lay out a Country roade from Rowly to Topsfeild thay haue power in ye Name of or Towne to moue ye Honorable Court for helpe in this Case. Voated

At A Lawfull Meeting of ye Towne of Topsfeild the 16 of may 1684.

The Towne did mainfest by Voat that thay ware Willing to proseed to ordanation With Mr Joseph Capen.

The Towne has manifested by Voate to answer Mr Joseph Capen desier in sending to fiae Churchis for mesengers to Mr Capen. Voated

Lliut Pebody Deacken Perkins Lliut Baker Ensigne Pebody John Houey Corpr Townes Isacke Estey Senr & John Gould Senr are Chosen to prouide for Mr Capen ordanation and the Towne and Church to pay for ye Charges thay bee out about it in such as thay Lay out Ether in Kind or eles in that as ye Law dos say is equeliant to it. Voated

The Commitey that was Chosen to Lay out to Mr Capen twelue Eackers of Land & medow & swamp is impowered to goe and recttifie there Line alredy rune and if that dos not reach the Coues of medow but by adding then thay haue power to Lay ye Coue or Coues of medow to Mr Capen. Voated

Wee whose names are Vnderwritting being appioynted som for Ipswich and P Ipswich Towne and som for Topsfeild and P Topsfeild Towne to settell the Line betwext said Townes haue agreed as followeth that the Line shall Rune: and is setled from a planted Tree in a stomp in Thomas perely his ffeild to a black oak Tree marked with a heape of stones at it: soe to a whiat oak Tree marked with a heap of stones at it and soe on a streight Line to a pond Called Mr Bakers pond: and then the pond to be the bounds till it Comes to the soe east end of the pond: till it Comes to a White oak Tree marked & a peice of medow: and then to run on a streight Line to another White oak Tree marked with a T: on the south sid an I: on the north sid With a heape of stones at it, neer the farme formerly Mr Symonds his farme: still Running one a streight Line to that farme, and soe on a Line to the brooke, and then as the brooke Runeth till it Comes into Ipswich Riuer: Mr Symonds farme being included in Topsfeild bounds: Topsfeild men subscribing haue a greed to all aboue Written apon the account that the prouiso in Ipswich Towne Grant to Topsfeild with Respect to there Cattle Trespassing be noe more Liable to pay then other Townes for their Cattle Trespassing in Witness where of The perties appoynted by their seuerall Townes haue sett to their hands this 28th 2 month 1684 ssigned & In prsence of Wittnesses P the perties sent P Ipswich to the perties Concerned for Topsfeild.

John Wilds

John How

Jacob Townes

Ephrom Dorman

John Houey

Daniell Epps

Thomas Wade

Simon Stace

Nehemiah Jewet

John Appleton

Thomas Burman Senr

Wittnesses

Joseph Goodhou

John Whipple

This is a true Copey Compared with ye orignell Vnder there hands

of both parties by both Townes as thay were apointed by there Townes as atested P me John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild

Witness to ye truth of the Copey John How Ephherim dorman

At a meeting of the Towne of Ipswich the 17th of Apriell 1684 Called about Runing the Line betweene Topsfeild and Ipswich appon a motion made by the selectmen of Topsfeild to the selectmen of Ipswich for that end: it was at this Towne meeting Voted that Capt John Appleton Capt Daniell Epps Lliut Thomas Burnum and Mr Nehemiah Jewett should be adJoyned With Mr Thomas Wade and Ensigne Stace Who weare formerly appointed by the Towne to Rune Lines as there should be occasion To Rune this Line betweene ye Towne of Ipswich and Topsfeild and to settell the Bounds according to former agreement betweene the fore said Townes as may appeare Vpon Records: and if there appears no agreement Vpon Record: then the Towne by there Vote haue giuen to ye gentlemen a boue named full power to make a full agreement and settle the Bounds Betweene the said Townes as thay in there Wisdom shall thinke best to be done.

At a Generall Towne meeting ffebruary ye 9th 1651 Vppon the petition of Topsfeild the Towne haue Referred the disposing of the Common ground neere the new medowes to the seauen men.

At ye same Towne meeting Granted to Ensigne Thomas Howlett six acres of Vpland to be Joyned to the farme which hee bought of Mr Rogers Wheare the said Ensigne haue built his house.

Granted and Sold Vnto Ensigne Howlett a littell stripe of Land Lying Betweene him and Daniell Clarke

At a Towne meeting ffebruary 19th 1660 Granted Ensigne Howlett to exchange a small percell of Land according as Richard Jacob Mosis Pengry and Robart Lord in the behalfe of the Towne Viewing of the same shall Judge meete to Lay it out to him.

At ye Towne meeting hild the 18th ffebruary 1661 Granted to Ensigne Howlett to Exchange a percell of medow wth the Towne Vppon Equall Termes as shall be Judged meet by Deacon Goodhue and Richard Jacob provided that if the said Ensigne Howlett doe not make good the titell of the medow he doth Exchange that then this grant to be Voide.

Thes six perticelers aboue written are True Coppies taken out of the Towne Booke of Ipswich as thay are there Recorded.

P John Brewer Clarke of ye Towne of Ipswich.
Apriell 23 1684

Thes are True Copies of those Copies as atested P mee John Gould Recorder for Topsfeild.

Witness to the Copyes as thay be prsented to Vs Vnder ye Clarke of Ipswich hands besides or Clarke hand: John How William Smith Jur

At A Lawfull Towne meeting of the Towne of Topsfeild the 19 agust 1684.

William Aueriell senr is Chosen Commisenor for the Towne of Tops-

feild for this yeare to goe to the Sheere Towne to Joyne with ye Commissioners there.

At A Llawfull Towne Meeting the 26 of Noumber 1684 : our Towne of Topsfeild Considring the great Euell that may Come by so Contending Eache Towne one with ye other and especly in this Time when we haue Case to feare an enemie may Come and breake or pease and take or prilidges from Vs Wee doe propound to ye Towne of Salam to Chose a Commite to Sttell the six miles extent Line from there meeting house toward or Towne and to giue there Committee ffull power to Settell a Lline with a Commite Chosen by or Towne for that end and for both Townes to Chose men to bee of the Commites to bee such as are not preposeded or any wayes Consarned in ye Case and this Wee doe desier ye Gentellmen selectmen of Salam to propound to there Towne and to send Vs there Townes mind : Lliut Baker is Chosen to Carey this to ye selectmen of Salam and to prsent it to them as the Towne of Topsfeild desier to bee prsented to ye Towne of Salam as aboue said. Voated

Seuerall Rates made and deliuered to ye Constabell of Topsfeild this 20 of Jenewary 1684.

To two singell Contrey rates one to be paid in money the other in Corne ye Country demand is 15lb the rate as it is made is £15-13-02

one Towne Rate amounting to 07lb 16s 04.

one Rate for ye ministrey in ye yeere 1684 the same is 75lb whereof twenty pounds of it is to be paid in siluer 75-00-00

one Rate for ye ordanation of mr Capen Comeing to 08lb 06s 02d

Topsfield feb 24th 85.

This may signify to whom it may concern that I haue reseued of Constabell Ridington that is Daniell Ridington that half Rate which was made for me upon ye acount of ye menestry in Topsfield & committed to ye said Redington to gather for me which was for part of ye yere 82 & part of ye yere 83 I say reseued by me ye full of that rate or that of ye constable which was to my full satisfaction as witnes my hand ye day and dat a boue written.

Joseph Capen

This is a true Copy of that reseight taken and entered by me Ephraim Dorman. Recorder for Topsfield

Topsfield the 22 february 1686 or 87.

a single Country rat mad by order of his Exselencye & Consell & committed to Constable Comings to gather ye totall amounting to seauen pounds thirtene shillings and two pence

Boston the 25th may 1687.

Reseiued of Isaac Comings Constable in the Towne of Topsfield seauen pounds thirtene shilings being the Cuntry rate for said Towne and is in full for the same.

John Vsher Treasurer

this is a true Copy of the Treasurers reseight entered by me Ephram Dorman recorder for Topsfield. witnes

John How Isaac Pabody

We Whose Names are Vnder Wrighteen being apionted by ye Towne at a towne meeting ye 16 of may 1684 to ade to mr Capen Line ye Coues or Couess of medow, haue don it wee marked ablake ocke standing about one rode from ye medow side and so ruining apon a straight Line from that tree to both Corner of ye fence as it now stands this 2 : march 1684 or 85.

frances pabody

John Redington

John Gould

jjohn Wiles

Jacob towne

At a Lawfull Meeting of ye Town of Topsfeild ye 16 of May 1684.

the Town did manifest by vot that they were willing to proceed to ordination with Mr Joseph Capen.

Voted

The Town has manifested by vote to answer to Mr Joseph Capens desier in sending to five Churches for MesenJers to Mr Capens Ordination.

Voted

Llievet Peabody Deacon Perkins Llievet Baker Ensigne Peabody John Hovey Corpll Townes Isaac Estey senr. and John Gould are Chosen to provide for Mr. Capens Ordination, and ye Town and Church to pay for the charges thay be out about it; such as thay lay out; Ether in Kinde or in that as ye Law doth say is Equivolent to it.

Voted

The Comitie that are chosen to lay out to Mr. Capen Twelve acres of Land and Medow & Swamp, is Impowered to go and Rectifie there Lines alredy rune and if that do not reach the Coves of Medow, then they have power to Lay out the Coves of Medow to Mr. Capen.

At a Lawfull Town Meeting the 6th Day of october 1685 the Town has manifested by vote that they will Chuse a commitie to Treat with Rowley Villagers to see what they will pay towards the maintainance of our Minister by the Year.

Voted

Llievt Baker Deacon Perkins SarJt. Dorman SarJt. Towns and William Averell Senr. is Chosen a Commitie To Treat with Rowley Villagers to see what they will give towards the maintainance of our Ministry by the year and to make Return of it to the Town.

at a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 3 march 1684 or 85.

John Gould was Chosen to be ye Towne Clarke to kepe ye Towne booke of reckads for Topsfeild for ye year insueing.

Elisha perkins is Chosen Constabell for Topsfeild for ye yeare insueing.

Voted

Sargt Redington Lliut Thomas Baker Sargt Ephram Dorman and Samuel Howlett and John Gould are Chosen selectmen to order ye preduhall afares of the Towne for this yeare, but they haue noe power to dispose of ye Towne Land.

Voated

The Towne has by Voate declared that thay doe grant to mr Capen to be a Comener in the Towne with orselues.

Voated

The Towne has manifested by Voate yt thay will Chose men to rune out ye mile & quarter which is not yet rune out with Salam a Cording to agreement and so on apon ye same piont of ye Compas.

Voated

Corpr Houey & Isacke Estey and John Gould are Chosen and impow-
ered to rune out ye mile & quarter which is not yet rune out aCording
to a greement with Salem men and so one as there a greement is pro-
vided thay shall not any wise weakn ye power formerly granted to Liut
Baker Sargt Townes & Sargt How. Voated

Daniel Redington samuel standly are Chosen seruayeres for hie wayes
this in sueing year. Voated

Isacke pebody & Isacke Estey Junr are Chosen fence Vewers for this
in sueing year. Voted

Isacke Estey senr is Chosen Juereyman of Trialls for this next Court
at Ipswich. Voated

the Towne has Chosen there prsent selectmen to Vew What is by Lliut
pebody & John Gould taken out of ye old Towne Booke and subcribed
into ye new and see if there is any more to betake out and what ye
maior part of them doe agree two the Towne shall stand two. Voated

At a Lawfull Towne meeting the 14 march 84-5 Et Was Voted that sam-
uel symons should take pay of those yt doe seet in ye seeats that hee dos
set Vp at ye east end of ye meeting house thay being Constant Contruibatrs
to ye word of god here at Topsfeild aCording to there ability. Voated

William Auerell senr Enters his Contrey desents to ye Voate aboue
wrighteen.

at a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 14 march 1684-5.

The Towne doth order that ye the grounds and Cases of any Towne
meeting that shall be a greeed Vpon and noties giuen together With War-
ing of the meeting to the Inhabitance and it shall not be Lawfull for any
thing to be acted in any Towne meeting but What there shall be noties
giuen of When such meetings shall be Warned, VnLess some Vergant
aCations shall fall out that Could not before seeme to be a Voaided. Voated

The Towne dos agree that Leagall noties for Waring Towne meetings
shall be in Wrighting Ether Vnder ye Constabels hand or selectm
hands and it to be set Vp one ye meeting house dores. Voated

The Towne dos pase a Voate that if any man or men doth goe throe
any man Land Where there is no hie Way and Leaue doune the fence
shall pay afine of fiae shilings for Euerey such defalt. Voated

at a Lawfull meeting of ye ffreemen of Topsfeild ye 28 Apriell 1685, mr
William perkins is Chosen Grandjuror man for ye yeare insueing. Voated

At A Lawfull Towne meeting ye 19 of may 1685.

The Towne dos giue full power to the prsant selectmen to reckon With
mr Thomas Hunter Atuereney to prizzilah Throw alias Hunter bare-
ing date ye 7 day of May 1685, to Cale or demand for any part or par-
cell of Lluke Waklin Estate, the Towne Voated that ye selectmen
should giue him an a Count and Deliuer all the mouabell Estate of Luke
Waklien as ye selectmen had taken into there hands, all but What ye
selectmen was out about in maintaing Luke Waklein durement his nater-
all Life and at his bueriall, and all ye rest of ye state to be deliuered to ye

aboue said Thomas Hunter for any house or Land that Was Luke Wak-
len ye Towne nor selectmen neuer had it in there hands. Voated

At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 6 day of october 1685.

The Towne has manifested by Voate yt thay will Chose a Commitey
ffrindly to treat With Rowley Viligers to see what they will pay towards
ye maintnace of or minister by ye yeare. Voated

Lliut Baker Deackon perkins sargt Ephram Dorman sargt Townes and
William Auerill senr is Chosen a Commitey to treat with Rowley Vil-
igers too see what thay will giue towards ye maintance of or minister
by ye yeare and to make returne of it to the Towne. Voated

May ye 20 1685.

I Thomas Hunter Atuereney to my Mother prizzalah Throw alies Hun-
ter doe hereby aquite and discharge ye selectmen of Topsfeild in ye
behalf of ye Towne of Topsfeild of all ye moueball Estate yt was Luke
Wakline in Topsfeild; for they haue giuen mee a full and true an a Count
of all yt was deliuered to pete[r] Chomway by ye selectmen and
deliuered it to mee and what wase in other men hands they haue giuen mee
an a Count of, whereby I doe discharge ye selectmen in ye behalfe of
ye Towne and peter Chomway from any part of this Estate before men-
cned in as full and ampley amaner as my mother Throw alies Hunter
Could a done and if shee was here prsant her selfe, whereby I doe by
this prsant a quite discharge and release ye selectmen and peter
Chomway from all and Euerey part & parcell of yt Estate aboue men-
cned as witnes my hand ye day & yeare aboue wrighteen. Thomas Hunter
this was seigned & deliuered in ye prsant of Vs.

William smith senr and Joseph smith.

at a lawfull Town meting the 2 of march 1685: 86.

Sargant Ephriam dorman is chosen clark to kepe the Town Book for
this yere inSuing. uoted

at a lawfull Towne meting the 2 of march 1685 or 86.

Leiut. Gould Leiut Thomas Baker Corpll John Houey mr Tobiih pir-
kins Ephraim Dorman are Chosen selectmen for this yere inseuing. uoted

At a lawfull Towne meting the 2 of march 1685 or 86 John prichet is
chosen Constable for this preasent yere in sewing. uoted

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 2 of march 1685 or 86 Isack Easty
senr is Chosen Jury man for trialls to atnd the next seations of the
Court held at Ipswich after the dat hereof. uoted

at a lawfull Towne meting the 2 of march 1685 or 86 the Toune hath
freed John prichet from the a boue mentioned choyse of a constable. uoted

at a lawfull Toune meting the 2 of march 1685 or 86 Sargent Isack
Comings is Chosen Constable for this yere insewing. uoted

at a lawfull Towne meting the 2 of march 1685 or 86 daniell Reding-
tun and John Robison are Chosen seruayers for high wayse for this
yere insewing. uoted

at a lawfull Toune meeting the 2 of march 1685 or 86 John Toune and

and Timmothy pirkins are Chosen fence uewers for this preasent yere insewing. uoted

at a lawfull Toune meeting the 2 of march 1685 or 86.

in answer to Mr Capense desire spesified in wrighting to the Toune for the grant of a small pece of land as his barne stands on and for a yard; the Toune hath granted ten rod of ground and what his barn stands on and for a leanto. uoted

and Isack Easty senier and Corpll John Houey are Chosen to lay out the aboue said land to Mr Capen. uoted

at a lawfull Toune meeting 2 of march 1685 or 86 in answer to Corporall Smiths desire to the Towne to renew the bounds of the parsonidg land: the Toune haue Chose Lieut peabody Isack Eastye senr and Corpll houee to renew the bounds aboue mentioned. uoted

at a lawfull Toune meeting 2 of march 1685 or 86 in answer to Isack peabodys desire manifested to the Toune for a seate in the meting house that is to set up a seat by the galery staires: the Toune hath granted his request. uoted

up on the 16 of the first month in 86 we who weare apionted by the Toune as apers in the Toune book Corpll John Houey and Isack Eastye senr haue laid out the land to Mr Capen a bout his barne in this manner ten foot for a leantoo on the west ende and then three rod square on the south side of the barne and one rod at the east ende staked out with four stakes and rocks at the stakes.

Isack Easty senr

John Houey senr

Wee Lieut ffrances Peabody Isack Eastye senr Corpll John Houey sargt John Redington being Chosen by the Toune and selectmen to setle the bounds of the Parsonage land and haue acordingly dun it and haue measured out thirty acers of vpland and swamp to the southward of mr Pirkinsis field: from mr Pirkins his line three score rod & haue marked a swamp oake neere to mr Pirkins his line: a blak oack at the south-east Corner next the common a heape of rocks nere to a black or a yealow oack at the south westerly corner a mapel tree in ye pine swamp at the norwest corner nere the hill called bare hill—also we haue layd out eleauen akers whare the house stands: haue measured from the yard westward next the highway fourty four rod haue marked a young croched white oack and forty pole to wards the north: haue set a stake and a heape of rocks a bout it: haue come forty four rods eastwardly a stake for the mark nere a grat rock at the norest corner: and forty rods southwardly to a post by the yard whare we began dat ye 26 of march 1686.

ffrances Peabody

John Ridington

Isack Easty senr

John Houey senr

Wee whos names are under wrighten being Chosen by the Toune of Topsfield to exsammon the bounds of such men as haue lands Aioyning to the Common acording to our power we haue exsammoned the bounds of John Prichets land and not being fully sattisfyed about his bounds he Claimed; we came to an A greement with: as we had

power to doe and we haue fully a greed with John Prichet as foloweth : that is that the fence of John prichets as it now stands on the northerly side of his land : and a Joyneing to our Common shall be his bounds for euer : to remaine as a settled bounds betwene John Prichets land and ye Common : to him and his heirs and a signes for euer : the fence now begining at the end of the pond and so runing from thence to a medow of mr Bakers so far as Topsfield Common runs : always provided mr Baker shall haue leiborty to goe with his Cart upon the upland by the medow side with hay : with out molestation from John Prichet or his haieres for euer : and further we doe agree that care may be taken that thare shall be no remoueall of the fence towards the Common : but that the bounds shall be renewed as the fence now stands : and in consideration of this a grement John Prechet hath giuen bill to pay five pounds ten shillings : and that this is our agreement : we haue a tested with our hands dat the 22 of aprill 1686.

witnes	Ephraim Dorman	Thomas Baker
	Edna Hazen	Jacob Toune
		John How

Wee Lieut Thomas Baker Jacob Towne senr John How haue setteled a Line between Corpll Thomas Pearly and Topsfield Common we haueing power so to doe by order from the Towne of Topsfield and we haue a greed and settled the bounds be twene Corpll Perly and Topsfield Common as foloweth that is that the bounds shall be and remaine betwene Topsfield Common and Corpll Perlys land as the said Perlys fence now standeth on that side of the sd Perlys land next John Prichets land and our Common the Conserderation is twenty four shillings halfe mony : dath 30 of aprill 1686.

witnes	Ephraim Dorman	Thomas Baker
	Isack foster iunr	Jacob Toune
		John How

At a lawfull meeting of the freemen of Topsfield the 4 of may 1686.

Thomas Dorman is Chosen a Graniury man for Topsfield for this yeare. voted

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 28 of June 1686.

The Toune did agree that a Commity should be Chosen to goe with Salem men to perambulate on the agreement Line betwene Salem and Topsfield and to run the line out a cording to agreement If thay can agree about it. uoted

and further the Toune haue chose Leiut Thomas Baker and Sargt Jacob Toune and Sargt John How and John Wilds and Isack Easty sener to be the commity to Joyne with Salem men to perambulate : and run out the line If thay can agree as a boue mentioned. uoted

Corporall John Houey doth enter his contrary desent to the aboue mentioned acte : Lieut John Gould doth enter his contrary disent to the aboue mentioned acte. Boston April 6th 1686

Reseued of Elisha pirkins Constable of Topsfield the some of three pounds fiftene shilings in mony being the full of the mony Rate for Topsfield I say Reseued the day and yere as aboue. P Samuell Nowill Treasurer

This is to sertyfy that Elisha Pirkins Constable of Topsfield haue paide by my order the full of the County Rate for the yere 85 :

31b : 15s : June 10 : 86 by me John Appleton then Treasurer for the County.

Reseued the 3 of June 1669 of Thomas Dorman constable of Topsfield the some of ninetene pounds thirtene shillings and six pence : being in full of the rate for the yeare past. I say reseued in full acording to my worrent, by uertue of the Genarall Courte order by me.

Richard Rusill Treasurer

Reseued the 6th of nouember 1669 of Thomas Dorman Cunstable of Topsfield for his County rate due in 68 in full three pounds one shiling and a leauen pence I say reseued by me.

Robert Paine Treasurer

thes four reseights aboue mentioned are true cappies taken and entered date 27 of september 86.

P Ephraim dorman Clark

Reseued of the Constable of Topsfield 26 : 1 : p in full of theire Rate eight pounds fiftene s, and three pence I say reseued in full of thare Tounes proportion to the Country rate-08-15-03 p me

Richard Russill Treasurer

this is a true Coppy of the treasurers reight taken and entered for Daniell Borman P Ephraim Dorman recorder for Topsfield. dat 28th : 7mo : 86.

At a lawfull meeting of the Selectmen of Topsfield the 16th of aprill 1686 in answer to an appointment from the selectmen of Salem to the Selectmen of Topsfield : to goe on the perambulation on the agreement line acording to a greement betwene the Toune of Salem and the Toune of Topsfield in answer to it we haue chosen Lieut John Gould and Corpll John Houey and Isaac Eastye senr : this is a true Coppey of the Selectmens act in answer to Salem mens apointment as aboue mentioned : taken and entered by me. Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield

witnes Thomas Baker

At a lawfull Towne meeting 22 of october 1686.

thare being som gentell men of Salem villidg as desires to speake with our Toune : in order to it the Toune haue agreed to here what thay haue to say and to see thare pouer but not to proceed with them in disscorse about theare intentions : but conseder of what thay said when thay be absent : and send the Touns mind to them. voted

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 22 of october 1686.

the Toune haue unanimously manyfested thare desiers that mr Capen would be plesed to prech lecters If he can with conueniencye and as often as he pleseth. voted

Two Rates mad for mr Cappen bareing dat the 28th of december 1686.

the mony Rate was fiftene pounds twelue shillings and seauen pence the other pay Rate was forty two pounds two shillings and nine pence thay being alowed on by the Justises weare committed to our constable Decn Isaac Comings to gather.

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 25th of Jenuary 1686 or 87.

the Toune haue alowed Cunstable Comings his bill of charge uiz four shillings for conueying morris out of the Toune and three shillings for forworning two womin out of the Toune. voted

and firther thay haue alowed Lieut Thomas Baker fīue shilings in siluer three for the Justises conformation of our Rates to our menister and granting a worrent to our Cunstable to gather them and two shilings for three days one for goeing Commisiener to Salem & two days to the Justises aboue said. uoted

and firther the Toune consederīng the necesity of the two galleries to be set up forth with yt ye select men haue agreed with Samuēll Simons to set up and Samuēll Simons desiered the Toune to pay him for them or giue him full power to sell them to whom he will: the Toune doe agree to giue the said Simons twenty or thirty shilings for the Gallires thay haueing three seats apece in them and the said Simons hath power to take the rest of his pay of them that doe sit in them a cording to former order: and If the said Simons doe not exsept of this then he may com & agree firther with ye Selectmen that the work may be dun. uoted

also the Toune haue giuen the Selectmen power to agree with the said Simons about the galleries as aboue said. uoted

and firther the Toune haue agreed that Corpll John Houey shall repaire the hinde sete of his gallery and the Toune haue left it to the Selectmen to agree with him about his cost and charge and to alow him on the Touns account. uoted

firther Captin John How is chosen to goe to boston to procure ye honered gouerner bradstreets testimony in the behalfe of ye toune concerning our land on the south side of the reuer. uoted

and the Toune haue left it to the Selectmen to alow Capt How his charg on the Touns account for goeing to boston as aboue said. uoted

Lieut John Gould doth enter his contrary desent to the two last uotes aboue mentioned.

At a lawfull Town meeting the 1 of march 1686-7 Left Dorman is chosen clark. Capt John How and Isaac Easty senr and Sammuēll Howlet Thomas Dorman and Ephraim dorman are Chosen selectmen for this yere ensewing. uoted

Thomas Pirkins is Chosen Constable for this preasent yere ensewing. uoted

John prichet and William Toune are Chosen seruayers of hiways for this yere insewing. uoted

Thomas Toune and Timmothy pirkins Junr are Chosen fence uewer for this preasen yer insewing. uoted

the Toune haue agred and ordered that no dam shall be made to stop the water as sumtimes runs out of the mill pond in to mr Timmothy pirkins his medow by his barne. uoted

and further at Samuēll Houlets reques the Toune haue granted to change land with him that is If he will lay doune the land by his house to the Touns use as common thay will alow him so many akors and rods of ground by the land and medow as he the said Samuēll bought of mr Hobart so to be laid out as not to be preiedishall to the highways. uoted

and the Toune haue Chose Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and Thomas Dorman to lay out the land to samuēll houlet in way of

exchang according to the aboue mentioned order. uoted

and the Toune haue granted to mr william pirkins three quarters of an aker of land on the norewest side of that swampy brook Joyneing to his own land prouided that thos men being Chose in the behalfe of the Toune and mr william pirkins doe agree about it. uoted

Leiut John Gould doth enter his contrary desent to the aboue mentioned act.

and the Toune haue chose Leiutennent Thomas baker and Capt John How and Sargt Thomas dorman to agree with mr william perkins about the three quarters of an aker for the price and pay and the place where it is to be laid out as aboue mentioned and to lay it out. uoted

and the Toune haue agreed to alow any as shall kill wolues in our Toune that is to Touns men ten shillings apece for euery wolfe so killed. uoted
at a Lawfull Toune meeting the 6t of april 1687.

the Toune haue agreed to Chuse a commity to seat people or order the seating of people in those seates as weare set up by a publick Toune Charge. uoted

Leiut ffrances peabody Leiut John Gould and Leiut Thomas Baker Ensigne Jacob Toune and Corporall John Houey are Chosen to seate people in the meeting house according to the aboue mentioned uote. uoted

also the Toune haue agreed to send to our neighbors and frinds of Boxford to Chuse a commity to Joyne with our Commity for the seating of people in the meeting hous as aboue mentioned. uoted

The Toune haue Chosen Corpll John Houey and John Robbison to run the line betwene Thomas Touns Land on the south side of the Reuer and the Touns Common. uoted

At a lawfull meting of the Selectmen of Topsfield ye 20 april 1687.

in answer to an apointment of the Gentellmen of Ipswich to perambulise on the agreement line betwene Ipswich and Topsfield: in answer to that we haue chose Lieut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and John Prichet.

Ephraim Dorman in the name of the reste of the selectmen of Topsfield.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 26 sept 1687.

Capt John How is Chosen by the Toune to prefer thare petesy[on] to his Exelencey the Gouvernor and Counsell. uoted

at a lawfull Toune meeting 30th of sept 1687 the Toune did agree that the answer as was mad by the Toun to the treasurers warrent as did include som scruples about it: that answer the Toune did agree should be remoued out of the book it being found to be efensiue to athority. uoted
at a lawfull Toune meeting 31 day of may 1687.

in answer to the desire of som persons the Toune haue giuen Lebody for any persons to plant Tobacco on the common ground for this yere prouided thay intrude not on any highwa[y]. uoted

and the Toune haue agreed that the fore side of the rooffe of the meeting house shall be mended whare it is leaky. uoted

The Toune haue confermed the former Toune act in the Choice of the Commity for the seating the people in the meeting house as it is

speasified in fore mentioned uote.

uoted

Reseued of John Prichet forty shilings by order of the selectmen which was due to him from the Toune for being dabuty this forty shillings is parte of a best that I reseued at three pounds ninteene shillings: dat 18 June 168[7].

Thomas Baker

Mr Joseph Porters bounds settelled: a whight oack standing by the east side of apine swamp: and a red ock on the north side of the swamp nere dwounills: and aread oack or a black oack on the northeast side of the swamp nere wenham Causway.

Mr Beniamen Porters bounds a whight oack nere John Curtioussis and a blak stump nere Nickalls his brook which is said Nickalls his bounds and a whight oack: and a whight oack on the south side of the brook being bartholmues bounds and nickallsis: and a read oack being Andrews is bounds and a whight oack in the rang towards the whight oack in Curtioussis field.

a cording to the Tounes order Leiut Thomas baker Capt How and Sargt Thomas Dorman haue sould Mr William Pirkins about three quarters of an aker of that which was the Tounes Common being impowered by the Toune so to doe and it is bounded as foloweth it iying on the norewest of mr william pirkins his hous by the swampy broock nere Capt Hows the east corner is a stake by the brook standing by an elme tree and a whight oack on the nore west corner to wards mr Capens and a stake on the southwest corner nere Capt Hows barne and with a straight line to a stake at the south east corner nere that bridg ouer the brook in the way to the said Pirkins his house: the said land was sould to the said Pirkins for thirty shilings ten of it in siluer twenty of it in corne.

dat the 8th of nouember 1687.

Thomas Baker

John How

Thomas Dorman

The bounds of the land that we whos names are under writen haue laid out to Sargt Samuell Houlet by Toune order in way of exchang, the first bounds is a stake twelue pole from the fence towards muddy spring and from thence towards Mr Capens: to an other stake and stones: and from thence to an other stake and stones ner the corner of Mr Capens field: from thence to a whight oack tree marked nere the high way: and from thence to a black oack marked nere samuell Houlets pond next the high way Joyning to his fence.

dat the 8th nouember 1687.

Thomas Baker

Thomas Dorman

John How

Reseiued of Ephraim Dorman upon the Selectmens a count as was due from the Toune for the defraying the Justisis Charge when thay came to take an a count of the Touns estate: thirtene shilings and three pence in siluer I say reseiued by me William Smith.

dat 23 december 1687

this is a true Coppy taken and entered P me Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield.

Leiut Thomas baker paid three shillings and six pence of that siluer aboue mentioned to the Selectmen: and Mr William

pirkins paid ten shilings of it to the Selectmen.

Reseiued of Mr William pirkins ten shilings in siluer for the land as he bought of the Toune in the yere 1687 we say reseuied by the Selectmen of Topsfield: which was parte of the pay for the said land:

Ephraim Dorman in the name of the rest of the Selectmen of Topsfield dat 23d decemr 1687.

this is a true Coppye of mr William pirkins his reseight taken and entered by me Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield.

Boston 22d nouember: 1687 Reseiued of Thomas pirkins Constable of the Toune of Topsfield: eightene pounds nine shillings and 1 penny in full for the Cuntry Rate of that Toune: Reseued for the use of John Vsher Esqr Treasurer P Mikell Perrey.

this is a true copy taken and entered by be Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield. witnes: Elisha Perkins

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 17 of January 1687-8

Leiut John Gould Liut Thomas Baker Ens Jacob Toune are Chosen to goe and treet with Doctr John fisk about that troble as lately did arise: by the said fisk his sewing of our Selectmen of Topsfield ye 12th of this instant January 1687-8 before Phillip Nelson Esqr one of his Maies-tes Justes of pece in the County of Essix whare by the said Justes gaue Judgment against the Selectmen for a rate made in the yere 84 by the said Selectmen to thares or the Tounes grat damage to the ualew of three or four pounds in siluer or thare abouts the Toune takeing it in Consideration to preuent further charg at law have giuen full power to the aboue named men to agree with the said fisk: or to prosed a cording to law as thay see good. uoted

and we whose names are under writen being Chose as aboue mentioned ded ingage: If wee see cause to proseed in a corse of law with Doctr fisk we doe ingage to bare one quarter parte of what charge may arise.

Thomas Baker John Gould Jacob Towne

This is a true Coppy taken and entred P me Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield. Witnes William Howlett John Smith

At a lawfull meting of the Select me[n] the 15th fabruary 1687-8.

Capt John How is Chosen to prefer a petesyon to the County Courte next insewing in the behalf of our Toune to have our grate bridg maintained by the County.

At a lawfull Toune metting the 3d of June 1689.

Leiut Thomas baker was chosen the Tounes representiue to goe to the preasent Counsell for safty of the people and Conseruation of the peace. To act for the publick good and welfare and safty of this Colony prohibbiti[ng] any act or thing that may haue any tendency to the infringment of any of our Charter priuileidgis what so euer. uoted

July 2 1689 at a lawfull yearly toune meeting for the Choice of Toune offisers Ensigne dorman is chosen toune clarke. uoted

Leiut Baker and Leiut gould and sergt John Houey mr Tobiiiah pirkins

and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen selectmen for this yere to order the prudentialls for the good of the Toune for this yere ensewing the aliation of land exsepted. uoted

Mr Timmothy Pirkins is Chosen Cunstable for the yere insewing. uoted

Ens Jacob Toune and Jacob Peabody is Chosen serueiers for this yere. uoted

the Toune haue mannifested by uote that the serueiers shall take the Care of all the bridgis in the Toune. uoted

Corpll dannieell Ridington and Ephraim Wilds are Chosen fence uewers for this yere. uoted

At a lawfull Toune meting the 21t of sept 1689, by uertue of a warrant from maior appleton for Jurymen to sarue at the next County Court to be houlden at Ipswich on the last tusday of this instant september, Capt John How is Chosen to sarue on the Jury of trials. uoted

and John prichet is Chosen grand Juryman. uoted

at a lawfull Toune meeting the 30th of october 1689.

Sargt Isaac Easty senr is Chosen Commissioner to Joyne with the selectmen to take an account of the Tounes estat and to conuey it to mr John Phillips Treusurer. uoted

Reseued of mr William Pirkins an acount of seauentene shilings in worke which he did for the Toune I say reseued by us selectmen of Topsfield dat ye 20th march 1688-9.

Samuell Houlet in the name of the rest of ye selectmen of Topsfield.

This is a true copy taken and entered P Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield. Creadit

an aCount of what is due to the Toune from Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and Ens Jacob Toune for what thay recouered of men by setelling of thare bounds by agreement or other ways in the be-half of the Toune as thay weare impowered.

due to the Toune for what thay reseued of Corpll Thomas perly twelue shilling half mony. due to the Toune for what thay reseued of John prichet two pound fiftene shillings. Leiut baker reseued the whole.

due to the Toune for what they reseued of mr Timmothy pirkins, one pound fue shillings and six pence, ten shilling and six pence siluer.

due to the Tou[n]e for what Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt How and Ens Jacob Toune reseued of the parters which is due to the Toune in siluer for thar conferming the bounds of thar lands. 10-00-00

10: fabru: 87-8. rec with with all as are here conserved and all accounts clerd with all exsept Ens Jacob Toune.

15: fabru: 87-8. Rec with Ens Jacob Toune and due to the Toune in siluer one pound four shillings and eight pence. 01-04-08

and in pay fue shillings 00-05-00

15: fabru: 87-8. upon a recconing betwene Ens Jacob Toune and Leiut Baker the said Leiut baker ownes himselfe indebted to the Toune in pay eightene pence. 00-01-06 and in siluer three shillings 00-03-00

22 March 94-5. Rec with ye Leiut Baker upon ye account of his goeing Representitiue from ye beging of ye world to this day and ye said Baker

set of twenty shilings of what he owed ye Towne for what he and Capt How and Ens Towne reseued of Joseph putman for confirming his grants of land and yit there remaines due to him one pound two shiling and six pence. 01-02-06

and Leiut Baker ows ye Towne yit upon ye confirmasion of said putmans land for what he reseued of said putman in pay as siluer one pound ten shilings. 01-10-00

and ye aboue said How and Towne doth yit owe there proportion to ye Towne upon ye aboue said account.

Rec ye 14th of october 1695 with Leiut Baker and all accounts clerd upon all accounts betwene ye Towne and mr Baker exsept the charge at nubary Court ye last september: and thare remaines due to ye Towne one pound ten shilings as siluer upon ye account of what he reseued for mr Joseph putman.

The Touns debts paid as foloweth.

payd to Leiut Thomas baker for haueing the rates confermed by the Justisis four shillings two in mony and two in pay. 00-04-00

payd to Leiuetenent Thomas Baker for goeing deabutye in pay 02-00-00

payd to Leiut Thomas Baker by Capt How on the Tounes account for haueing the aboue mentioned rates confermed by the Justisis in mony. 00-02-00
payd to Corpll smith by the hand of the selectmen to pay the Justisis exspence by Leiut Thomas Baker in siluer. 00-03-06

paid to Lieut Thomas Baker and Capt How and John prichet for perambuliting with Ipswich men on the a gremen line nine shilling in pay and leiut Thomas baker doth ingage to pay John pricet thre shillings it was for the loss of two days apece. 00-09-00

payd to Capt How ten shillings seauen in siluer and three in pay for goeing to boston to procure the honered Gouverner Brodstrets Testimony two shillings of this siluer was payd to said How by Ens Jacob Toune. 00-10-00

10: fab: 87-8 paid to the Selectmen and thare orders in the behalfe of the Toune by Capt How two pound fourtene shillings and eight pence in siluer. 02-14-08

10: fab: 87-8. Rec in the behalfe of the Toune with Capt How upon mony account and all accounts Clerd from the begining of the world to this day fitten shillings of the aboue mentioned siluer as the selectmen reseued of Capt How seauen shillings of it was paid Leiut gould. 00-07-00
and fue penc (shillings) to Corpll smith and three to sargt Thomas Dorman to pay Cort Charg about widdow fisk. 00-10-06

Leiut baker paid Corpll smith two and six pence as it is figered of the aboue mentioned.

10: fab: 87-8. Leiut Thomas Baker payd ninetene s and two pence of Cort Charg a bout widdow fisk in siluer. 00-19-02

10: fab: 87-8. Leiut Thomas Baker paid to the Selectmen in siluer two pound seauen shilling and six pence.

10: fab: 87-8. Rec with Leiut Thomas Baker in the behalfe of the Toune and all accounts clerd upon mony account from the begining of the world to this day.

10: fab: 87-8. paid to leuetent: Thomas baker and sargt Thomas

dorman and Capt John How for laying out sargt samuell Houlets land and mr William pirkins his land eightene pence a pece. 00-04-06

10: fab: 87-8. Rec with Capt How in the Tounes be half on pay account and due in pay to him. 00-04-06

10: fab: 87-8 Reconned with Leiut Thomas baker in the Touns behalf and all accounts clerd and due to the Toune in pay nine shillings 00-09-00 and he paid it as foloweth.

to mr Tobiiiah pirkins for going to salem in pay. 00-03-00

10: fab: 87-8. Leiut Baker was ordered to pay mr Tobiiiah pirkins 3s and sargt Thomas dorman eightene pence and Capt How four and six pence and Ephraim dorman two shillings for goeing to bradford. 00-02-00 and all accounts clerd with all aboue mentioned exsept Ens Jacob Toune and mr william pirkins, and we find Ens Jacob Toune paid in Cort charg and siluer. 02-02-00

Capt How was alowed for Cort charg and for prefering the Tounes petesion to the gouerner in siluer and pay and he was payed. 00-14-06

Leiut Thomas baker Constable was alowed by the selectmen in the yere 89 three shilling in siluer as the rates fell short. 00-03-00

5th Janu: 96-7. Leiut Baker paid to Ephraim Dorman thirty shilings siluer. 01-10-00

it was dun by order of ye Toune treasurer 24 shiling was of what ye Toune owed to capt How and he owed it to Ephraim Dorman and ye other six shilings was owing to Ephraim Dorman in a towne rate all which was ordered by ye Towne treasurer and Capt How.

Reseiued of Thomas Pirkins Constable of Topsfield in graine and transportation and fue pounds paid ye selectmen of Topsfield which weare alowed them by seations of the peace ye 14th of march 1688 I say in the whole nine pounds foure shills six pence happenny and is the Toune of Topsfields proportion to the County rate for essix. I say reseiued by me John Higginson treasurer for Essix.

Salem date 17th aprill 1688.

Boston may the 13th 1686 Reseiued of Elisha pirkins Constable of Topsfield the som of three pounds and fiftene shillings in mony which with seauen pounds rate pay: payd to Capt Clap by order or mony to his satisfaction and other discounts for troppers etc: is in full for all rates due to the Cuntry from that Toune for the yere 1685 I say re-seued in full by Samuella Nowell Treasurer.

21 of may 1688 at a lawfull Toune meeting by order of the gouerner and Counsell Leiut Thomas Baker is Chosen Constable for this yere till an other be sworne in the roome. uoted

sargent Easty and sargent Thomas Dorman and Sargent samuell Houlet and William Auerill senr and Mr William pirkins and Corpll Daniell Ridington are Chosen select men for this yere. uoted

and Mr Tobiiiah pirkins is Chosen Commisyoner for this yere. uoted

Boston 27 Nouember 1688 Reseued of mr John Harris on a count of Thomas Baker Constable of the Toune of Topsfield ninetene pounds four shilings and three pence in full for the Cuntry rate of that Toune for John Vsher esqr, Treasurer P Mickell Perry. £19-4-3

This is a true copy taken and entred by me Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield.

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 14 of gennuary 1689: 90.

Capt John How and father John Wilds are chosen and impowered to gather up all the a reares of mens proportions to mr Capens saliry ex-septing those as weare Committed to Corll William smith and if any man refuse to pay we giue them full power to prosicute such delinckyents a cording to law at Courte and from Courte to Courte till thay recouer them exsept the Toune sees Just cause to the Contrary. uoted

Whareas thare was a Toune rate made and deliuered to Lieut Thomas Baker when he was Constable in sir Edmon Andreus his time: and his power as Constable seased before he had gathered up the Rate and the said Baker desired power from the Toune to finish his work in gathering up the rate: The Tou[n]e doth thare fore giue the said Baker pour to goe on with his worke as the law doth direct him. uoted

ye Toune haue agreed that our yearly Toune meeting shall be on the first tuesday in march as formerly. uoted

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 7 may 1689 the Toune hath manifested by uote that thay are willing to Chuse a man a cording to order from the Honored Counsell. [*the above vote was blotted out with ink and in the margin the following words written*] thes three lines weare mended by uote.

At a lawfull meeting of the free men and free houlders and souldiers of Topsfield the 7 may 89 thay haue by uote vnanimosly declared that thay are willing to Chuse a man to goe to boston to Joyne aduise and Consult with the Counsell of safty about reasumeing the former gouerment and act according to Charter preuelidgis the gouerment set up by the Choyce of the free men in 86. uoted

Leiut Thomas Baker is Chosen as a boue mentioned. uoted

At a lawfull Toune meeting ye 14th of gennuary 1689 or 90 upon information of some discontent among some of our neighbours and frinds of Boxford about seates in the meeting house. The Toune haue agreed to chuse a commity to treete with Boxford or a commity in thare Touns behalfe: to understand thare agreuences: and also we giue our Commity full power to seate people of our Toune and of thare Toune to content a cording to agreement as nere as may be that peace and loue may be continued betwene the Touns. uoted

Leiut John Gould and Leiut Thomas Baker and Ens Jacob Toune and sargt Isaac Easty and sargt John Houey are Chosen a Commity as aboue speasified. uoted

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 4th of february 1689-90.

the Toune haue agreed to Chuse a man to Joyne with the Constable to gather the rates as is due to the Toune from Edward Nearland. uoted

Leiuert Thomas Baker is Chosen to Joyne with the Constable as aboue
speasified. uoted

At a generall Towne meeting hild ye 4 of march 1689 or 90.

Ensigne Ephram Dorman is Chosen Towne Clarke for ye yeare insueing. uoted

Ens Jacob Toune is Chosen Cunstable for this yere. uoted

Corpll Danniell Ridington and Thomas Pirkins sargt Thomas Dorman
and sargt sammuell Houlet and Corpll samuell standly are Chosen
Select men for this yere. uoted

Leiut Thomas Daker [Baker] is Chosen to serue on the Jury of triall
at the next Court houlden at Ipswich. uoted

sargt John Houey is Chosen grand Jury man for this yere ensewing. uoted

Isaac Eastye iunr and Timmothy Pirkins iunr and Isaac peabody are
Chosen seruaiers of high ways for this yere. uoted

Elisha pirkins and William Toune are Chosen fence uewers for this yere
ensewing. uoted

Leiut Thomas Baker Ephraim Dorman and sargt Houey and Leiut
John Gould are Chosen a commity to reuew the line formerly setteled with
Rowly and now to reuiue it with Boxford it being the bounds betwene
Topsfield and Boxford. uoted

Daniell Borman and sargt John Houey and William Auerill senr and
Isaac peabody are Chosen a commity to treet with Ens Jacob Toune and
Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How about what thay haue dun a
bout lands and what they haue procured for the Toune a cording to
toun order and make returne to the Toune. uoted

Corpll John Curtious and Joseph Toune iunr are Chosen to lay out a
way from the Toune Bridge ouer the reuer through the woods to the
farmes at blind hole namely the Nickallsis and thare neighbors. uoted

The Toune hath manifested by uote that the rates or proportions
that was proportioned by the selectmen (in sir Edmon Andrews his time
of gouernment) here for mr Capen for his worke in the minnistry and is not
paide to mr Capen the Toune doe giue power to the selectmen to make
rates for mr Capen for that time Crosing all that hath all ready paid
thare proportions to mr Capen. uoted

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 2 day of aprill 1690.

John Toune is Chosen Constable for the yere insewing. uoted

Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How are Chosen Collectors to
gather up all the areres of what is due to mr Capen exsepting only
those rates as weare Committed to mr Timmothy pirkins that is the
areres of mens proportions as thay weare proportioned to the fullfilling
the Touns ingagment to mr Capens yearly saliry. uoted

To preuent damage by rams the selectmen haue ordered that who soe
euer finds any rams upon the Common or on ground without fence
from the eighteenth day of august to the first of nouember any man of
our Toune shall haue power and leberty to take such rams as a boue
said exsept thay be sofesiently peched: and cry them and if no
owner apers in twelue days thay are to prise the ram and alow the Toune

the one halfe of the uallew of the said ram and deliuer it to the selectmen for the Touns use in good marchantable pay and then the ram to be his owne: but if the owner apers the owner to haue what was to be alowed to the Toune and the ram to remaine the finders: and this order to stand in force in Topsfield for this yere 12 august 1690. Thomas Dorman in the name and with the consent of the rest of the selectmen of Topsfield.

At a lawfull Toune meeting the fifth of septem 1690.

Capt John How is Chosen Commisioner to Joyne with the selectmen to take an account of the Tounes estat as the law directs. voted

Mr Zarobabell Endicut is Chosen to serue on the Jury of trialls at next County Courte houlden at Ipswich after the date hereof dat: 5th sept 1690. voted

at a lawfull meeting of the freemen of Topsfield on the 3d day of nouember 1690 Leiut John Gould was Chosen deabuty to atend this preusent seations at the Gennarall Courte at boston. voted by papers this meeting was wored by the selectmen.

Charls Toune ye 20th fabruary 1689-90.

Then Recd of mr Timmothy pirkins Cunstable of Topsfield twenty three pounds nine shilings and two pence in full of the two mony Rates and halfe of said Toune

P John phillips treasurer.

this is a true Coppy taken and entred by mee Ephraim Dorman Clark witnes samuel Howlett Elisha perkins.

Charles Towne ye 7th may 1690.

Then Recd of mr Timmothy pirkins Constable of Topsfield thirty one pounds as mony and is in full of the fiue Rates of said Towne that was to be paide in graine

P John Phillips Treasser.

This is a true Coppy taken and entred by me Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield. witnes John Towne Elisha perkins

At a lawfull Toune meeting the 3d of december 1690.

Daniell Ridingtun is Chosen Clarke of the writs.

voted

the Toune haue manifested by uote that thay will pay Leiut Thomas Baker for goeing representatiue eight weekes acording to Toune order. voted

Topsfield Aprill: 11th: 82 reckened with and reseed of Sammuell Houlet Cunstable for Topsfield on 1678: the full som of 60lb for my rate for ye yere 78

I say reseed P me Jareemiah Hobart.

this is a true Coppy taken and entred P me Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield. witnes Daniell Redington Ephraim dorman iunr

At a lawfull meeting of the freemen of Topsfield the 8th of december 1690. Leiut John Gould is Chosen deabuty for this preasent seations.

At A Lawfull Toune Meeting ye 3 March 1690 or 91.

Ensigne Dorman was Chosen Recorder for ye yeare insueing. Voted

Capt John How and mr Tobiiiah Pirkins and Phillip Knight and Jacob Toune iunr and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen selectmen for this yere to order the prudensiall affaires of our Toune the alionation of land excepted.

voted

Danniell Clarke is Chosen Constable for this yere ensewing. uoted
 Ephraim Wilds and John Eastye are chosen seruayers for highways
 for this yere ensewing. uoted

Mr Capen requesting a peece of land of the Toune the Toune uoted
 that a commity should be chosen to uew the said land and make reporte
 to the Toune whether the towne can conueniently parte with land to mr
 capen or not. uoted

Leiut Baker and sargt Houey are Chosen a commity to uew the land
 a boue said: uoted

Corpll Daniell Ridington is Chose to serue on the Jury of trialls at the
 next County Courte to be houlden at Ipswich. uoted

sargt Houey and Isaac Peabody and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen a
 commity to diuid the land recouered of som of salem farmes by Leiut
 Baker and Capt How and Ens Jacob Toune the commity are to deuid with
 said Baker How and Toune in the Tounes behalfe and make return of
 what land befalls to our Toune. uoted

at a lawfull meeting of ye selectmen of Topsfield the 24th march
 1690: or 91.

in answer to an apointment of the selectmen of salem to goe on perambulation on the line betwene salem and Topsfield the 30 day of this instant march: 90: 91 we haue Chosen Capt John How and Ensigne Toune and Phillip Knight and William Toune to goe as a boue said. uoted

In Answer to a desire of the gentellmen who are the Selectmen of Ipswich to meet with som of our Toune at Leiut Thomas Perlys on the 25th if faire if not the 27th of this instant march: 1690: or 91: as we think to goe on perambulation on the line setteled from the said Perlies to Ipswich riueer and whare as they desire som settelment further we know the water by the reuer is so high it cannot be dun thare fore for perambulation on the line setteled we haue chosen Capt How: and Leiut Thomas Baker Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and ephraim dorman as aboue said. uoted

The 25th march 90: or 91: Leiut Baker Capt How and mr Tobiiiah Pirkins and Ephraim Dorman did goe on perambulation with Ipswich men and straitened the line from the pond to mr simons his farm with markes as foloweth: a whight oake at the east end of mr Bakers Pond: and from thence to a walnut tree marked with a T on the south side: and an I on the north side: next a little whight oake marked with a T on the south side and an: I: on the north side: next a whight oake marked with a T on the south side and: an: I: on the north side: next a walnut tree marked with a T on the south side and an I on the north side: nextly two oakes standing to gether a read oake and a blake oake and the read oake marked with a T on the south side and an: I: on the north side: nextly a little read oake marked with a T on the south side and an I on the north side: and so on to the dore post of Jacob foster iuner his house: and so on to a whight oake in the said fosters feild: and so on to mr Simons his farme.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 30th of march 1691.

whare as thare is a case comminsed and to be tried at this next Court at Ipswich betwene ye Towne and Edward Neland Leiut Thomas Baker and mr Timmothy Pirkins being in the behalfe of the Towne: and if we loose the case now we doe agree they shall proseed from Court to Court till they doe recouer the case though it com to ye Gennarall Courte and the Towne will bare them out in all lawfull suites uoted

We whose names are under writen being apointed to reuew the line formerly setled with Rowly and now to reuiue it with Boxford: acordingly we apointed a time and gaue them notis and Boxford men acordingly meet with us at Leiut Thomas pearlyes on the 22 day of aprill 1691 but thay refused to goe on perambulation with us as we profered them by order from our Towne of Topsfield. dat 22 of aprill 1691.

Thomas Baker John Houey Ephraim Dorman

At a Court held at Ipswich march 31st 1691. Daniel Ridington being Chosen Clark of ye writs for ye Towne of Topsfield is allowed by ye Court and confirmed in his office. Copia vera as in Ipswich Court Book of Reacords as atteste Thomas Wade Cler[k].

This is a true Copy taken and entred p me Ephraim Dorman Recorder for Topsfield.

at a lawfull Towne meeting the 22 of may 1691 Sargt Isaac Easty senr. is chosen grand Juryman for This yeare. uoted

it is ordered that Leiut Gould and Capt How be Chosen to and fully impowered to gather up all that is behinde of Mr Capens rates or what is his due for the despending of the word of god in Topsfield according to Towne agreement with Mr Capen for two yeares in sir Edman Andreus his time of gouernment selectmen being forbidden in that time to make rates for minnisters whareby selectmen then didnot sine them as rates but only as mens preportions of thare due to the minnisters which was dun by the selectmen according to Towne agreement as will apere by Topsfield Towne Book of records: uoted

Ens Jacob Towne doth enter his contrary desent to this uote.

It is ordered that the selectmen be impower to Chuse a commity to settle a line betwene any of our frinds that hath land in boxford Joyneing or bordering upon our Common as hath bene formerly dun, and to git what testimonys thare is to be had to proue the former settlement of a line with Rowly and Topsfield. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of the selectmen of Topsfield ye 29 of may 1691. by order from ye Towne we haue Chosen Leiuet John Gould and Leiut Thomas Baker Capt John How and Ens Jacob Towne and Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and Ephraim Dorman to git what testimony thare is to be had to proue the former settlement of a line betwene Rowly and Topsfield and also to renew and establish the bounds formerly settleed betwene Topsfield Common and Robbart Smiths land: and the Commity aboue named exsepting Lieut Thomas Baker are impowered to renew and establish the bounds formerly settleed

betwene Topsfield Common and the said Leiut Bakers land as he bought of Dockr Crosbey and the maior part of the Commity agreeing in any act befor mentioned shall be counted ualued. Jacob Towne iunr in the name and by the order of the selectmen of Topsfield.

At a lawfull towne meeting the 25th of august 1691. Leiut Thomas Baker was Chosen Commitioner to Joyne with the selectmen to take an account of the Towne estat as the law direct. uoted

at a lawfull towne meeting the 21 Sept 1691. Corpll John french is Chosen to serue on the Jury of trialls at the next seations at Ipswich. uoted

At a lawfull Towne meeting the 22 of december 1691. Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How are Chosen aturnies in the Towne behalf to defend and asist the Constables John Towne and Daniell Clarke being both conserved in troble relating to Edward Nearlande contending with the Towne as to Towneship and on refuseing paying of his rates due to our Towne. uoted

At a lawfull Towne meeting the 22 of dec 1691. Capt John How and Corll Tobijah Pirkins and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen Collecters to gather up the areares of mr Capens rates or mens proportions due to mr Capens salliry as was proportioned in sir Edmon Andreues his time as weare not committed to Constables to gather and see them paid to mr Capen and the Towne will bare them out in all thare leagall pre-seeding in the gathering of them till thay are gathered. uoted

At a Lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfeild the 1 day march 1691-92 it bein theiare Genirall Towne meeting Ensigne Dorman was Chosen Clerke for ye yeare insueing.

Leiut Thomas Baker sargt Houey Corpll Tobijah Pirkins Corpll Ridington Ephraim Dorman are Chosen selectmen to order the prudentiall afaires of our Towne for this yeare ensewing the allionnation of land only exsepted. uoted

Ephraim Wilds is Chosen Constable for the yeare ensewing. uoted

Corpll french and John Robison senr and Joseph Towne iunr the widows son and Isaac Easty iunr are Chosen serueyers of highways for the yeare ensewing uoted.

also Corpll Standly is Chosen serueyer for the yeare ensewing. uoted

Capt How and John Auerill is Chosen fence uewers for the yeare ensewing. uoted

at the request of Capt How to the Towne to setell his bounds of his land acording to his deed and that for the conuenyancey of the seting of his fence he desires som rods of land may be changed in answer to his desire the Towne haue Chosen Leiut gould and Isaac Peabody to settel his bounds and to chang a few rods of land prouided the said How lays doune as good and as conuenient euery ways with quantyty and quality. uoted

and at the request of Corpll french to ye towne for the exchang of a small peece of land only for the straightiening of his fence in answer thare unto the Towne haue chosen Sargt Houlet and old father wilds to change as aboue said prouided the

said french lays doune that which is as conuenient and for quantyty and quality. uoted.

in answer to sargt Houeys desire for the renewing and settelling his bounds Joyneing to the Common in answer thare unto ye Towne haue Chosen Capt How and sargt Thomas Dorman and Isaac Peabody to renew and setell bound with sargt Houey acording to his grant orderd Joyneing to the common. uoted.

Isaac Peabody is Chosen to sarue on the Jury of trialls at the next Courte houlden at Ipswich. uoted.

at the desire of william smith in the behalfe of his mother and his brother Joseph The Towne doth a quit and discharge them of the parsenag a quitting them from all ingagments in the leace and takes it in to thare poseation as it is now in being only the widdow smith hath the libborty of the hous and orchard till mickelmas nex for sweping the meeting house if she seese cause to stay so long but in case the Towne sees cause to improue one end of the house then the said widdow is to haue the leborty of but one end of the hous as aboue said. uoted.

At the request of mr Capen ye 7 march 91-2 ye selectmen renewed mr Capens bounds of land: a stake westward nere Capt Hows: from thence to a blacke oake northwardly: from thence to another oak about the middle of the line and from thence to an elme eastwardly from thence to an ash nere mr Pirkins his land: and from thence to the stake aboue said.

Thomas Baker

Tobiiah Pirkins

Ephraim Dorman

Daniell Ridington

Selectmen.

At a lawfull Towne meeting the 14th march 1691 or 2 it was propounded to the Towne whether the Towne would Chuse men to meet with Ipswich men at thare desire about a line as thay spake of from ye mouth of william Houlets Brooke to the southermost parte of Mr Bakers pond ye Towne Consedering that it was other wise settled and that the Towne haue gon on perambulation twice and no longer than the last yeare [and also that your select mens owne grants of Topsfield Towne ship saith nothing of the mouth of william Houlets brook neither of the southermost parte of the pond—*the foregoing is crossed out in the original*] tharefor the ye Towne uoted the neggitue that thay will not send men. uoted.

Corpll John French is Chosen Comitioner to cary ye nominations to the sheare Towne: by the freemen. uoted.

At a lawfull meeting of ye freemen ye 16th of may 1692.

Leiut Thomas Baker is Chosen Deabuty for ye next seations of ye Genarall Court to be houlden at Boston.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 26th iuly 1692.

The Towne haue Chosen sargt Thomas Dorman a Comitioner to Joyne with ye selectmen to take an account of the Towns estate personall and reall and proseed as ye gennarall Courtes act directs. uoted.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 20th sept 1692.

Capt John Gould was Chosen to serue on the Jury of trialls at ye next

County Court to be houlden at Ipswich.

uoted.

the Towne haue Chosen Corpll John French to sarue on the grand Jury at ye next County Court to be houlden at Ipswich.

uoted.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 14th of december 1692.

the Towne did agree to alow John Toune Constable in a Towne rate what the selectmen do Judg conueniant for what Josiah wood and mr Zarobabell Endicut was rated in the twenty rates as was Committed to him to gather it being doubtfull whether it is recouerable or not.

uoted.

and firther the Towne did mannifes that the selectmen should order pay to the men that bult the pound a cording to bargen, in a Towne rate.

uoted.

We whose names are under writen being apointed by the Towne of Topsfield at a genarall Towne meeting the first day of march 1691-92 to settell bounds betwene Capt John How and the Towne Common: haue done it as foloweth: uiz: first we did run about fiue rod from goodman Clarks corner bounds to a stake at the east corner: and from that stake upon a straight line ranging with an elme up to a forked whight oake tree on the northerly corner of that land: and from that white oake tree upon a straight line to the fence as it now stands and then as the fence runs downe to a stake and heape of stones which is a bounds betwene sd Capt How and daniell Clarke by the old carte way as witnes our hands this 4 day march 1691-2. John Gould senr Isaac Peabody

At a lawfull Towne meeting by order of athority on the 30th of december 1692, Ens Jacob Toune is Chosen to serue on the grand Jury at Salem and John Prichet and Corpll John Curtious are Chosen to serue on the Jury of tryalls at the Courte of assises to be houlden at Salem ye 3d day of Jeauary 1692 or 93.

At a Lawfull Towne meeting of the Towne of Topsfield the 7: day march 1692-3.

Ensigne Ephrom Dorman was chosen Toune Clarke for ye yeare in-sueing.

mr William Pirkins is Chosen Constable for the yeare ensewing.

uoted.

Capt John Gould sargt Thomas Dorman and sargt Samuelt Houlet Ens Jacob Towne and Corpll John Gould are Chosen selectmen for the yeare ensewing.

uoted.

Corpll Tobiah Pirkins is Chosen Commisioner for asesment for this yeare.

uoted.

Corpll John French is Chosen Graniury man for this yeare.

uoted.

mr Timmothy Pirkins is Chosen to serue on the Jury of tryalls for the next Court to be houlden at Ipswich.

uoted.

Sargt Eastye and Thomas Pirkins are Chosen tithing men for this yeare.

uoted.

Jacob Toune iunr and Beniamen Bigsbee and John Auerill are chosen serueyars for hye ways for this yeare.

uoted.

Corpll Daniell Ridington and Elisha Pirkins are Chosen fence uewers for this yeare.

uoted.

Sargt John Houey and Daniell Ridington are Chosen to uew the old

highway from John wilds his hous to mile brook and state it as it may answer the end acording as it was at first laid out and firtner to lay it out from Samuells Houlllets to William Houlets. voted.

Sargt John Houey and Corpll Daniell Ridington are Chosen to lay out seauen akers of upland to Ephraim Dorman as was formerly granted to his father Dorman on the southwest of pye brook as it doth apere by Ipswich Reckords. voted.

Sargt Houey and Corpll Daniell Ridington are Chosen to lay out a high way for John Androus from his upland on the north of Ephraim Dormans land ouer the Brook to the upland on the west. voted.

Sargt Samuells Houlet and Isaac Peabody are Chosen to straighten mr Timothy Pirkins his line on the southwest side of his land by the meeting house which is betwene his land and the parsonage land and to leue out as much land as thay take in to the said Pirkins. voted.

the 11th march 1692-3 mr William Pirkins was sworne Cunstable and Sargt Isaac Easty was sworne tithing man and Ephraim Dorman was sworne Towne Clarke by Capt Thomas Wade Justis of the peace and here entered by his order.

In answer to an apointment by the Selectmen of Ipswich to ye Selectmen of Topsfield to Chuse men to meete ye gentlemen apointed by them to renew the bounds betwene Ipswich and Topsfield as we did apprehend might be thare meening: accordingly ye Selectmen apointed Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and Ephraim Dorman and accordingly we here named on ye 20th day of fabruary 1692 or 3 meet with ye gentlemen of Ipswich at ye house of Jacob Fosters and we agreed and renewed ye bounds from mr Bakers pond so caled to mr Simonds his farme so called: and then we aboue named demanded of ye Gentlemen of Ipswich to renew the bounds round ye northeast end of mr Simonds his farme so caled to the brook whare it runs out of ye farme acording to agreement: but thay refused but presumed to run the line cross the said farme: though we forewarned them and protested against thare so doing: so we aboue named went and uewed and renewed the antient bounds about the northeast end of ye said farme to ye brook as aboue said whare we meet with the Gentlemen of Ipswich as went cross the farme: and then we uewed the brook from the farme to the riuer which was confirmed to be the bounds betwene said towns by the Commities of both Townes when thay settlee the line that is the brook from the farme to the reuer. as witnes our hands.

Thomas Baker John How Ephraim Dorman

we whose names are under writen being apointed by the Towne to lay out a high way for John andrew for his use and bennifit: accordingly we haue dun it: from the west corner of John Andrew his upland called the Plump ouer the Brook in the old way and so through the meadow which Sargent John Houey Senr Claimes to be his and so to the nereist place of upland to wards the northwest:

dat 21 march 1692 or 3.

John Houey, Senr

Daniell Ridington

varya Copia atest Ephraim Dorman Clark.

Sargt John Houey and Daniell Ridington being apointed to lay out a high way from Sargt Samuell Houlets by John Wilds his house so to William Houlets brook accordingly thay haue dun it begining at the cuntry roode and along on the south side of Samuell Houlets land and betwene mr Capens land and the said houlets land and so on the south side of muddy spring: so along the old carte way to John Wilds his land: and so betwene Corpll French his house and barne: so along the old way to the north side of Daniell Ridingtons bounds by John Wilds his gate and so as the way now lyeth by ye said Wilds his house and so along the old way to mile Brook bridg and still along the old way to William Houlets brook: trees being marked in sartin places the most of the way this was taken from thare owne mouths.

dat 21 march 1692 or 3. atest Ephraim Dorman Town Clark.

we whose names are under written being apointed to lay out seauen akers of upland to Ephraim Dorman as was granted to Thomas Dorman now desesed as aperes by Ipswich reccords accordingly we haue dun it on the south west side of Pye brook and is bounded as foloweth begining at a stake with a heape of stones at it nere the said dormans house by his dam: and so bounded by the brook and low land or meadow all along up to John Andrews his meadow which is the northeast bounds: and then along by John Andreus his meadow to a black oake tree marked with a heape of stones at it which is the north west bounds and so on a straight line from the said black oake to a stake with a heape of stones at it nere the parsonage meadow being bounded on the common on the south west: and so on a straight line from the said stake to the stake by the said dam being bounded on the common on the southeast.

dat 21 march 1692 or 3. John Houey Sener Daniell Ridington

Wee whos names are under written being Chosen by the Towne to straighten a line for mr Timmothy Pirkins: on the south side of ye meeting hous lot and accordingly we haue dun it: begining at the north west corner next Pine swamp from a stake with a heape of stones: runing southeast upon a straight line to a little whight oake marked with a heape of stones at the bottum: and from thence upon a straight line to a grate whight oake bending inward to mr Pirkins land and a heape of stones at the bottum: and from thence upon a straight line to a stake with a heape of stones at it: and so upon a straight line to the corner stake with a heape of stones at it the southeast corner.

dat ye 20 march 1692 or 3. Samuell Houlet Isaac Peabody

this is a true Coppy taken and entered by me Ephraim [Dorman] Recorder for Topsfield.

At a lawfull Towne meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 1 of may 1693, the Towne haue manifested that thay will stand by all thare Consta-

bles in all thare lawfull proseedings in gathering of rates of Edward Nearland as was committed to them to gather of him: ye Constables names are John Towne and Daniell Clarke and Ephraim Wilds and mr William Pirkins: unanimously uoted.

Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How are Chosen by the Towne to assist ye Constables in the Townes behalfe as aboue written by impleading Edward Nearland and defending the Townes Right. uoted.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 8 of may 1693 Sargt Thomas Dorman is Chosen Gran Jury man and Sargt John Houey and John Robison is Chosen to serue on the Jury of trialls all to serue at ye Grat Court of asize to be houlden at Ipswich ye 9 of this instant may. uoted.

At the generell Court Oct 1 1645 an order concerning Topsfeild for as much as this court has formerly granted that ther should be a uillidge upon Ipswich riuer at or nere a place called the new medowes and for as much as certaine of the Inhabitants of Ipswich who haue farmes emproued nere there unto and doe desire that a minester might be setled there to despence the word to the present Inhabitants and to such others as shall place them selues at the said uillidge whome yet not withstanding they are noe wayes able in any comfortable maner to maintane a minester and to defray other nessasary charges of the place if with all thay should be Liable to all other rates and publique Charges of the Towne of Ipswich this Court doth therefore herby order that either the whole Towne of Ipswich shall equily contribute with such other Inhabitants as haue Lands In or nere the said uillidge to the maintenance of a minester and all other publique Charges Incident to such a uillidge or elce the fore said Inhabitants that haue Lands nere the said uillidge and shall contribute to the maintenance of a minester there and other nessasary charges shall be ffreed from all maner of rates charges or contributions to the Town of Ipswich for thir Land or stock In or belonging to the said uillidge

A true Copie of the Records Ex. Isace Addington Secretary.

Copia uare examined P. P. Stephen Suell clark.

A True Copy taken and entered P. me Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke.

At a lawfull Towne meting ye 24th of may 1693 the inhabitece of Topsfield did unanimously agree that who euer of them was chosen deabuty or representatiue for the Gennarall Court should haue but twelue shillings pir week continnewing the whole time of the seation or seations as thay are chosen for that is two shillings a day in siluer. uoted.

At a lawfull meeting of ye free houlders and inhabitance of Topsfield ye 24 of may 1693 a Cording to worrent Capt John Gould was Chosen representatiue to serue at ye next Gennarall Courte to be houlden at Boston part of ye time. uoted.

and Leiut Thomas Baker was Chosen representatiue as aboue said to serue the other parte of ye time taking turns one at a time as thay agree. uoted.

Ensigne Dorman Capt John How and Corpl Tobigaah Perkins is Chos-

en to drae vp with or nebriors of Ipswich fairmes a petition or request as thay see Good to ye Generell Court for ye [Line to be setteled betwene Ipswich and Topsfield—*crossed out in the original*] satellment of Topsfield with thos preuiledges granted by the Genarall Court. uoted.

Capt John How is Chosen to prefer the petesion to the honered Genarall Court as shall be drawen up and prefered to ye honered Genarall Court in the behalfe of Topsfield relating to Genarall Courte Grants of Topsfields preuelidgis relating to our Towneship and minnistry. uoted.

At a lawfull meeting of ye freeholders of Topsfield ye 11 of September 1693.

Capt John Gould is Chosen to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at the next county Courte to be houlden at Newbury. uoted.

the Towne hath manifested by uote that goodwife Nearland should be Complained of for slandering the wholl Towne of Topsfield and that what the selectmen haue ordered to that end should be prosocuted to efect. uoted.

The Towne by uote doe declare that complaint be made at the Court against Capt Thomas Wade Justis of ye peace for discourridging of our Constables and threatening of them for the exsecution of thare office in gathering thare rates as aperes both by his warrents and atachments and ye selectmen are apointed to doe it them selues or Chuse men for that end. uoted.

At a lawfull meeting of the freeholders and ye inhabotence of Topsfield ye 19 of Sept 1693 Leiut Thomas Baker is Chosen Deabuty to serue at ye next Gennarall Court to be houlden at Boston. uoted.

and it was uoted that he should goe for twelue shillings per weeke. uoted.

At a lawfull meting of ye freeholders of Topsfield ye 24th october 1693 thay did manifest by uote that ye deabuty should sarue for two shilings a day at ye seations of ye Genarell assembly. uoted.

Leiut Thomas Baker was chosen Deabuty to serue at the next Genarell assembly to be houlden at Boston. uoted.

At a lawfull meeting of the selectmen of Topsfield ye 28th march 1693.

Corpll Samuell Standly is Chosen to be a seler of waits and measures for our Towne till thare is another Chosen to that office entered by order of the selectmen. uoted.

Charles Towne 12th iune 1693.

then reseued of Mr Daniell Clarke Constable of Topsfield ye sum of two hundred and one pound one shiling and eight pence in full of said Townes proportion of ye twenty four Thousen Pound Rate.

I say Reseued by me John Phillips Treasurer.

At a Genarall Towne meting the 6th of march 1693 or 4. Ensigne Dorman is Chosen Clark for the yere in sueing. uoted.

Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and Isaac Peabody and Elisha Pirkins and Joseph Towne iunr and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen Selectmen for ye yeaere ensewing. uoted.

Isaac Easty iunr is Chosen Constable for ye yere ensewing. uoted.

Mr Timothy Pirkins senr is chosen a serueyer for highwayes for this yeare and Jacob Towne iunr and John Auerill are likewise chosen seruayers for ye yeare ensewing. uoted.

Corpll John Curtious and Sargent Thomas Dorman and Sargent Daniell Ridington are Chosen fence uewers for ye yeare ensewing. uoted.

Sargt Houey and Daniell Clarke and Thomas Towne are Chosen pounders for ye yere ensewing. uoted.

Sargt Samuellt Houlet is Chosen to kepe the pound. uoted.

Corpll John Gould is Chosen to serue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next Court to be houlden at Ipswich. uoted.

Thomas Pirkins is Chosen Grand Jury man for this yere. uoted.

Corpll John Gould and Joseph Easty are Chosen to se that horsis doth not goe on ye Common contrary to law. uoted.

Sargt Thomas Dorman and John Robison senr are Chosen tithingmen for this yere ensewing. uoted.

Lieut Baker and Capt John How and Ensigne Jacob Towne and Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and Isaac Peabody are Chosen to run out ye line betwene Salem and Topsfield acording to agrement from ye rock caled Crumwills Rock and so on to settle ye bounds as hath not bine settled and what thay agree upon ye Towne will stand by. uoted.

Lieut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and Ens Jacob Towne are Chosen and Impowered to settle and run out ye line betwene Wenham and Topsfield and what thay doe ye Towne will stand by. uoted.

upon ye request of Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins Capt Gould and Liut Baker are Chosen to renew ye bounds of ye lots on ye south sid of ye reuer next ye Cow Common betwene ye Cow Common and Mr Porters land. uoted.

The Town haue agreed that Goodman Louewell School Master shall liue in ye Parsonage house this yeare ensewing to kepe schole and swepe ye meeting house. uoted.

ye Towne haue agreed that upon the request of sauerall young men that thay shall haue libberty to set up seates upon ye beames of ye meeting house on thare owne cost and charg. uoted.

ye Towne haue agreed that If any of our Towne see cause to set up a galliry at ye east end of ye meeting hous for wimmin and maids at thare owne cost and charg and not to darken the windows thay may and haue liberty to build it. uoted.

the towne haue agreed that if any maids doe agree to raise the backe seat at ye east end of ye meeting hous and the backe seate at ye west end of ye meeting hous at thare owne cost and charg thay haue leborty. uoted.

ye Selectmen haueing a worrent for a county rate and thare being sum scruples about it: thay desires the Towns aduice whare upon the Towne doe aduise to sospend it for the preasent and thay will bare them harmeles. uoted.

Know all men by thes preasence and to whom it my conserne that whare as Ephraim Dorman of Topsfield and John Andrus of Boxford in

ye County of Essix in Newingland haue upland and meadow a Joyneing together within ye bounds of Topsfield ye upland upon ye Pine Plaine ye meadow lying in a meadow commonly called Theofilus Swachills meadow on both sids of Pye brook and by a mutuall agreement together for settlement of bounds betwene us to remaine to us and our heirs and assigns for euer : haue agreed as foloweth : ye east diuisionall bounds betwene ye aboue said parties of ye upland is a heape of stones nere the path leading to Ipswich farmes a Joyneing to ye Common : and then runing westwardly on a straight line to a stump with a heape of stones lying to it nere ye meadow : and then ye line runing norwestward to a stake standing in ye meadow nere ye upland in ye corner of ye fence as it now standeth : and then from that stake southwestwardly on a straight line to another stake nere the upland which is Topsfield common : the said Andrusis land lying on ye north : and the said Dormans land lying on ye south all along : and also four akers of meadow which was sould formerly by Thomas Dorman desesed : and now in ye posesion of John Andreus lying in the southwardly corner of ye said theofilus swachills meadow so called : we ye aboue said Dorman and Andrus haue settled the bounds of it as followeth : to remaine for euer : which are as foloweth : begining at a stake next ye upland a Joyneing to Topsfield Common and then runing northeastwardly to a stake in ye meadow about seauen rods from a row of springs : and from that stake south-east twenty rods and a halfe to another stake standing in a row of springs : and then as ye row of springs run to a stake standing at ye nereist corner of ye upland southwestwardly : and then bounded by ye upland to ye first stake spoken of in ye four akers of meadow and then ye said Dormans meadow a Joyneing to ye four akers aboue said on euery side till it comes to ye upland : dated ye seacond day of January one thousand six hundred ninety three foure : and in ye fift yeare of thare Maiasties Reigne : in confermation hereof we haue set to our hands and seales signed sealed in ye preasents of us witnessis.

John How senr John Houey senr Ephraim Dorman
John Peabody senr John Andrus

Copia Vare atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke.

we conserved in conformasion to all aboue written haue set two our hands.

Ephraim Dorman senr John Andrew

to the truth of all aboue righten I doe testify as witnes.

John How John Pebody senr

Topsfield ye 17 march 1693-4 : we whose names are under subscribed being Chosen by ye Toune to measure ye breadth of Mr William Pirkins senr lot it being ten rods broad : and Daniell Clarks two lots twenty rods broad Decn Thomas Houlets lot twenty two rods broad : Isaac Comings senr one lot fuetene rods broad : bounded norwest on ye Cow Common northeaste on ye Reuer meadows south east upon ye land ondiuided as ye lotlayers left it and on ye southwest by ye land of mr

Joseph Porters. John Gould senr Thomas Baker

Copia Vare atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke.

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 23 day of march 1693 or 4.

Corpll Samuuell Standly is Chosen Gran Juryman for ye next seations at Ipswich on ye last tuesday of this instant. uoted.

John Prichit is Chosen to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next Seations to be houlden at Ipswich on ye last tuesday of this instant march. uoted.

The Selectmen of Topsfield being desired to renew and state a horse way from ye roode as lyeth by old father Wilds his house to goe along by ye mill : acordingly we met on ye 26th day of march 1694 : and agreed and renewed and stated ye old way from ye Rode aboue said with ye consent of old father Wilds and mr Timothy Pirkins : from thare diuisionall bounds by ye said rode allowing two rods in breadth ye one halfe on old father Wilds his land and ye other halfe on ye said Pirkins his land as thare line runeth towards the north west allowing ye same breadth on both sids ye line till it coms to an apple tree by ye line eight rods short of ye bound tree as is that tree as is ye bounds betwene Leiut Baker and mr Timothy Pirkins and Widdow Auerills lands : and then on a straight line northwardly through ye west corner of said Pirkins his land : and so through ye eastwardly corner of ye said Auerills feild a Joyneing ; that ye east side of ye way whare it leues ye said auerill improued land being two rods from ye said Pirkins his line whare a gat now standeth : and so as ye beaten path is along by the south side of ye mill to ye common houlding ye same breadth that carts may pass if need bee.

Tobiah Pirkins

Isaac Peabody

Ephraim Dorman Selectmen of Topsfield.

Copya Vare atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke.

At a lawfull meeting of ye Selectmen of Topsfield ye 3 of Aprill 1694.

in answer to an apointment of ye Gentlemen of Salem to goe on perambulation betwene Salem and Topsfield we haue Chosen Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and Ens Jacob Towne and Corpll Tobiah Pirkins and Isaac Peabody to mete ye Gentelemen of Salem at time and place to efect that worke acording to thare apointment. Ephraim Dorman in ye name of ye rest of ye selectmen of Topsfield.

ye Selectmen haue agreed and Chosen Ephraim Dorman and Elisha Pirkins to renew bounds betwene the Common and mr Baker his farme in Boxford and also to stat a highway beyond Capt Goulds hous through his meadow.

this 12th of march 1693 or 4 we whos names are under written being chosen by ye Towne to renew or settle bounds with sargt Houey, we went to his house and desired him to show us his bounds next Topsfield Common : ye wich he could shew us none : but tould us that he must goe to ye west end of John Andrews his meadow : but could not shew us any bounds thare : and we finding a tree

marked with som stones at it nere ye brook on ye northside of ye brook : ye which is said to be ye corner bounds of lumkins farme : we haue renewed that bounds : and that he shall run from that tree northwest to a little tree by ye meadowside : and so to ye brook and then ye brook to be ye bounds till it come at mr Bakers meadow : this is all we haue dun only we wored Sargt Houey to make no improuement any firther nex ye common then to that bounds and so ye brook as aboue said.

John How Thomas Dorman Isaac Peabody

At a lawfull meeting of ye Selectmen of Topsfield ye 2 day of may 1694 in answer to an apointment under ye hand of Leiut Corlonall Thomas Wade Justis of ye peace for ye renewing of ye line betwene Ipswich and Topsfield in answer thare unto we haue apointed Leiut Peabody and Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and Isaac Peabody to answer ye apointment at time and place and ye maior parte of our men agreeing shall stand.

Ephraim Dorman in ye name of ye rest of ye selectmen of Topsfield.

Corpll Tobiihah Pirkins and Isaac Peabody weare chosen to state a high way from Thomas Perkins his house along by Sargt Daniell Ridgintuns to ye Cuntry roade by old father wilds his house. uoted.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 11th of may 1694.

whare as the inhabiteance of Salem Villidg lays Claime to our land on ye south side of ye reuer and haue comminsed a suit against Corpll John Curtious on that a count : ye Towne haue agreed to stand by Corpll John Curtious in ye defence of his and ye Townes right. uoted.

Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How are Chosen to defend Corpll Curtious and the Towns Right on ye south sid of ye reuer against the Claims of ye inhabiteance of Salem Vilidg till ye cause be iss Hewed. uoted.

The Towne did declare by uote not to send a deabuty to ye Gennarall Court next to be held at Boston—not knowing but thay might be excused by law Capt Gould and Ephraim Dorman desents as to that uote and also Daniell Borman.

ye Toune by uote doe declare that Sargt Houeys fence on ye south side of ye Brook called Pye Brook shall be pulled up from time to time untill sargt Houey can proue whare his bounds be next ye common. uoted.

Ephraim Dorman with Leiut Baker is chosen to renew leiut Bakers Bounds next ye common by ye said dormans house. uoted.

it was uoted that Sargt Houeys fence aboue said shall stand till ye middle of next June and If he can make out his title to ye satisfaction of ye Selectmen and ye commity consernd and if he cannot or doth not ye commity consernd haue pouer to pull doune his fence and ye Towne will stand by them. uoted.

Elisha Pirkins and Ephraim Dorman being apointed to state a carte way through Capt Gould meadow and ouer ye fishing brook so caled : thare being a way ordered from ye

meeting house to mr Endicuts farme: and ye way not being stated ouer ye said brook and through ye meadow aboue said we haue stated it as foloweth: we began on ye west side of ye said meadow and marked too young red oaks with heapes of stones at them being about a rod a parte: and we stated ye way to hould ye same breadth along ye old carte way baring half a rod from ye senter of ye old way to ye right and left till it coms about four rods of ye foot of ye horse bridg: and then to inlarge to ye left to include the horse way now in being to ye bridg and also to include ye bridg: and then we alow liberty from ye foot of ye horse bridg on ye east side of ye brook till it coms about one rod and a halfe from ye bridg and then it is stated one rod in breadth along ye old way as it is stated on ye other side: thare being a cherry tree marked with a heape of stones at it: and on ye left sid a stake and a heape of stones at it both on ye side of ye upland on ye east side of ye meadow.

Elisha pirkins

Ephraim Dorman

Copia uare atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meeting of ye freehoulders and other inhabitence alowed by law ye 4th of iune 1694 Leiut Baker was Chosen representatie to sarue at this Gennarall Court now houlden at Boston. uoted.

Leiut Baker being presant did declare himselfe onwilling to goe.

At a lawfull Towne meting ye 25 of iuly 1694.

Sargt Daniell Ridington and sargt John Houey and sargt Samuel Houlet are Chosen asesers acording to ye Treasurers worrent for our Towne. uoted.

The said asesors sargt Houey and sargt Houlet and sargt Ridington were sworne to thare faithfull discharge of thare duty as the Court act directs by me Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke ye 28th of iuly 1694.

we whose names are under writen by order of ye Towne went to Sargt Houeys house and he not being at whome we red our order to his wife and sun Luke and then his son went with us: and we Puled up eight lengths of fence and declared we did it by order of ye Towne: and then before we weare gone came sargt Houey: and we shewed him what we had dun: ye fence wee puled up stood on ye Towne Common on that side of ye brook next long hill this we did on ye 13th of iuly 1694.

John How

Thomas Dorman

Isaac Pabody

Copia Vare atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meeting of ye freehoulders of Topsfield and others alowed by law ye 7th of September 1694 Thomas Pirkins is chosen grand Juryman to sarue at ye next Court houlden at Nubary the last tuesday of this instant: and Capt John How and sargt Samuell Houlet are Chosen to sarue on ye Jury of trials at the Court aboue said. uoted.

Sargt Houlet propounded for a draine crose the way from his field to mr Capens meadow and ye said Houlet ingaged to make a bridg ouer it and kep it in repaire at his owne cost and charg: the inhabitence here preasent did mannifest thare free consent. uoted.

At a lawfull Towne meting ye 10th of october 1694. ye Towne being worned by ye Selectmen to Chuse a Towne Treasurer the Towne finding he should be chosen when ye other offisers are Chosen and thare being but a small aperence the Towne did manifest by uote to sospend it for ye preasent. uoted.

The Towne did agree to isshew the deference betwene ye Towne and Sargt Houey about Sargt Houeys claimes of land in a course of law. uoted.

and ye Towne did Chuse Capt How and Isaac Peabody and Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins to proseed with Sargt Houey in a corse of law in ye behalfe of ye Towne for ye recouering of ye land as he claimes which ye Towne apreheends to be thare common: or to chuse an aturny for yt end. uoted.

The Towne did alow of Leiuie Bakers bills of charg giuen in to ye Selectmen for his serueing Dabuty and ten shilings for his expsence at nubary and for copyyes of Records. uoted.

and also ye Towne alows Capt Hows bills of charg sixtene shilings for attending at boston and nubary courte. uoted.

and the Toune did agree to alow Corpll Curtious eight shilings for attending att Salem Courte all these bill ware giuen to ye selectmen in ye yeare 1694 and ware alowed and uoted.

* Nathniell Auerill desents as to alow ye said Curtious his charg.

The Towne did manifest by uote that our dabuty Leiut Baker should prefer a petesion to ye Honered Genarall Court in this instant october that Salem should run out ye deuesionall line acording to agrement. uoted.

We whose names are under writen being apointed by ye Towne to diuid a parsell of land with Leiut Thomas Baker and Ens Jacob Towne and C— John How it being yt land which was in contreuersy formerly with Capt John Putnam we did meet upon ye 16th day of nouember 1694 and deuided ye land and The Towne made choyce of yt part yt Joynes to ye grat ashing swamp for thare share and ye aboue said Baker Towne and How haue ye other parte joyneing to Phillip Knite and others: ye diuisionall bounds betwene ye Towne Common and ye said Baker Towne and How: is about seauenty rods from a walnut tree nere John Nickols iunr begins at a white oake marked with stones at it and from thence on a straight line to an oylenut tree which is Isaac Burtons tree marked and so joyneing to Salem Line this being our mutuall agrement as witnes our hands this 16th of nouember 1694.

Ephraim Dorman	Thomas Baker	Jacob Towne
Isaac Pabody	John How	

The 29 day of may 1694 ye selectmen stated a way from Thomas Pirkins his house to ye roade to old father Wilds his house: we stated ye rode from said Pirkins his hous: bareing two rods in breadth: ye old beten way now in being being ye senter of ye way till we com to mr Bradstreets land whare a gate now standeth and then on ye northeast side of ye gate we marked a white

oake on ye eastwardly side of ye way in mr Bradstreets land by ye gate : and so along to mr Bradstreets bound tree : by cow pen brook so called : being on ye eastwardly side of ye way : and a red oake marked on ye other side against it : being about two rods asunder : ye way bareing ye same breadth all along : and then turneing to ye old ford ouer ye said brook : then betwene a fence on ye right : and a whight oake tree marked on ye left by ye northwest side of ye ford so by ye said fence till it coms to a popler tree marked by ye fence then turneing to ye left in to ye old beten rode and so ye beten rode being ye senter a red oake tree marked on ye left on ye hill : and then against sargt Ridingtons house leuing ye old way to ye right thare being a walnut tree marked on ye left side of ye way : and so on a straight line by ye west corner of sargt Ridingtons barne to ye old way as leads to ye Cuntry rode by father Wilds his hous : bareing ye full breadth all along.

Ephraim Dorman Isaac Peabody Elisha Pirkins

Selectmen of Topsfield.

We whose names are here unto subscribed being apointed by ye seaurall Townes to which we belong uis Topsfield and wenham with full power to make an alteration of that part of ye diuisionall Line betwene our Townes from ye brook at James Moulstens Iland to wards mr Saltinstalls meadow we haue agreed as foloweth : being met to gether this seauenth day of december anno domini sixtene hundred and ninety foure in order to ye completeing of ye same that whare as in an agreement betwene Topsfield and Wenham : Pigdins meadow so called was included to belong to Wenham and ye Iland commonly caled huckelberrey or Wenham Iland or ye gratest parte of it was included to belong to Topsfield : we haue now agreed for an alteration that ye said Pigdins meadow shall from hence forward belong to Topsfield and ye Iland commonly called huckellbarrey or wenham Iland shall from hence forward belong to Wenham : and ye bounds that are or shall be agreed to be ye bounds of Pigdins meadow till it comes to Beauerly ditch and then ye said ditch till it coms to ye Reuer shall be ye stated bounds betwene our Towns of Topsfield and Wenham : and in witnes whereof we haue here unto sett our hands Interchangably. John Numan

Thomas Baker

John Pirkins

John How for Topsfield Thomas Kimball for Wenham

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 18th of december 1694. whareas sum of Salem lays Claime to mikell Dwonills land for which ye said Dwonill is atached : ye Towne did manifest that thay would stand by ye said Dwonill in this this case. uoted

Leiut Thomas Baker is Chosen in ye behalfe of ye Towne to stand by Mikell Dwonill sen in ye defence of his lands as is Claimed as aboue said. uoted

The Towne did mannifest by uote that all honist debts due from ye Towne to pirtickquillor men in this yere shall be paid. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 8th day ganuery 1694 or 5. ye Towne haue made choyce of Leiut Thomas Baker to manage Mikell Dwonill senr his cause against Salem farmes and to asoiate to himsele whom he will to strengthen ye cause and to prosicute it from Court to Court till ye case be ended ye mening is this case now commensed against ye said Dwonill and ye Towne will bare him out in all his lawfull proseedings tharein. uoted

John Curtious senr and Joseph Towne iunr we haue layde out away from Isaac Burtons to ye Bridg as foloweth: begining at ye said Burtons and so as ye way now goeth to John Robison his land: and then turning to ye right by a read oake marked on ye right and a white oake marked on ye left: and so along as ye way now goeth ouer ye old ford and so along as ye beten path now goeth by Joseph Towns house and so along ye beten path [* uer] all trees marked on both sids of ye way to ye Common: and so along ye beaten path to ye bridg: we layd it out two rods wide: entered ye 14th of gennuary 1694 or 5.

At a lawfull Towne meting the 5th of march 1694-5.

Ensign Ephraim Dorman was Chosen Clark for this yere.

The Towne doth manyfest by uote that thay are willing to entertaine our neighbours of Boxford as formerly we haue dun and to that end ye Towne hath giuen libourty to set up more seates in ye meting hous for ye entertaining of them. uoted

Isaac Pabody is chosen Cunstable for this year ensewing. uoted

sargt Thomas Dorman and Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and Elisha Pirkins and Jacob Towne iunr and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen selectmen for ye yeare Ensewing. uoted

Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins is Chosen Towne Treasurer for this yeare ensewing. uoted

The Towne did mannifest by uote that no bills of charg should be allowed by ye selectmen but what are aprebated by ye Towne. uoted

whare as thare is liborty giuen to set up seats in ye meeting house: ye Towne haue agreed that oure neighbours of Boxford shall haue equill preuelidg with our selues in seting up those seates and to inioy them as our selues: and allso to bye seates as are set up: and to inioy them while thay contrebut to our minnistrey: and in case thay remoue thay haue liborty to sell thare seates: only to such as shall contrebut as aboue said: and in case thay cannot sell as aboue said: when thay remoue ye Towne will alow them ye worth of ye said seates: and allso to inioy ye like preuelidg with ourselues as formerly answerably to what thay pay: in these seates as weare set up by ye Towne. uoted

Capt John How is Chosen to sarue on ye Jury of trialls and Corpll John french is Chosen gran Jiuryman to sarue at ye next County Court to be holden at Ipswich. uoted

John Nickalls senr and John Prichet are Chosen tithingmen for this yeare ensewing. uoted

Corpll John Gould and mr Timmothy Pirkins and Corpll John Cur-

tious are Chosen serueiers for highways for this yeare and Daniell Clarke also is Chosen sirueyer as aboue said. uoted

John Cumings and Nathaniel Auerill and Ephraim Wilds are Chosen fence uewers for this yeare and also Isaac Burton. uoted

John Kenney and John Auerill are Chosen to see that ye horsis doth not goe on ye Common contrary to law. uoted

Mikell Dwonill senr and William Smith and Timmothy Pirkins iunr are Chosen pounders for this yeare uoted

Sargt Samuel Houlet is Chosen to kepe the pound for this yeare. uoted

In answer to ye desire of boxford Towne we haue Chosen Capt John Gould and Capt John How and Sargt Samuelli Houlet to treat with ye selectmen of Boxford or thare Commity to here what thay haue to say and make report to ye Towne. uoted

The Towne did manifest by uote that father Louewell shall in Joy ye house and orchard for ye yeare ensewing on ye same termes as formerly. uoted

ye Town haue agreed that Mr Timmothy Pirkins may make a dam acros ye swamp at ye south corner of his field by ye meeting house. uoted

The Towne by uote haue agreed that any ram that shall be found on ye Common any time betwene ye middle of august till ye last of october anually it shall be lawfull for any man to kill any Rams so found and giue halfe of it to ye pore and to haue ye rest for his paines. uoted

The 7th of march 1694 or 5 Ephraim Dorman tooke ye oath of a Town Clark and Corpll Tobiah Pirkins took ye oath of a Towne Treasurer and John Prichet took ye oath of a Tithingman : and Corpll John Gould and Corpll John Curtious and Daniell Clarke took ye oath of sirueyers of high ways and Nathaniell Auerill and Ephraim Wilds took ye oath of fence uewers before ye Honored Collonall Appleton.

At a third sessions of ye Generall Court of Election hild at Boston ye 15th of October 1650.

In answer to ye Request of Zacheus Gould and William Howard in ye behalfe of Topsfield ye Court doth grant that Topfield shall from henceforth be a Towne : and haue power within themselues to order all Ciuill afayers as other Townes haue.

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Copia Vare atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meeting of ye selectmen of Topsfield 22 mar. 1694-5.

sargt Thomas Dorman and Corpll Tobiah Pirkins and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen to renew ye bounds with Boxford men betwene Topsfield and Boxford. uoted

At a lawfull Towne meeting by order of Court ye 3 of aprill 1695 Timmothy Pirkins iunr is Chosen Cunstable for this yere. uoted

Timmoth Pirkins iunr being Chosen Cunstable for ye Towne of Topsfield for ye yere ensewing : apereed and tooke ye oath proper to that office aprill ye 5th 1695 before me Thos Wade Justis of ye Peace.

Copia Vare atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Sargt Thomas Dorman and Corpll Tobiah Pirkins and Ephraim Dor-

man being apointed to goe on pirambulation on ye line betwene Boxford and Topsfield and we apointed to meete them on ye seacond day of aprill 1695: accordingly we met with thare Commity and demanded of them to renew ye bounds but thay neglected and sent thare excuse to our Towne.

John Nickalls senr being chosen tithingman and John Comings and Isaac Burten were chosen fence uewers thay were sworne: Salem ye 9th 1695 before ye Honored Coll Hathron as apered under his hand.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 15th of may 1695.

it is by uote declared yt Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How shall enter a complaint against L Nathaniell Putman and & John Putman at ye next seuperier Court to be houlden at Ipswich for that ye said Putmans had giuen in a falasious and desaightfull testimonies against Topsfield at ye last Court of Please hild in Salem to ye grat damage of Topsfield. uoted

Ensine Ephriam Dorman is Chosen Jueriman to sarue at the next Superer Court to be holden at Ipswich. uoted

Corpll Tobiah Pirkins was Chosen representitiue to sarue at ye next Genarall Court of election at boston.

Charls Towne ye 21th January 1692.

then Reseued of mr Ephraim Wilds Cunstable of Topsfield ye sum of twenty fiue Pounds four shilings in bills of creadit in parte of said Towns last asesment: I say reseued P John Phillips Treasurer.

Charls Towne ye 24th may 1693.

then Reseued of mr Ephraim Wilds Cunstable of Topsfield ye sum of thirty eight pounds fiftene shilings and ten pence in parte of said Townes last asesment I say reseued P John Phillips treasurer.

Boston may ye 8th 1694 Reseued of mr Ephraim Wilds Constable of Topsfield thirtene pounds fiftene shillings and three pence in parte of said Towns asesment I say reseued for mr Jams Tayler Treasurer P Jer. Allen. £13: 15: 3.

Boston february 13th 1694.

Reseued for mr Ephraim Wilds Cunstable of Topsfield four pounds two shilings and eleuen pence in full of said Towns asesment to ye thirty thousand pound rate I say reseued for mr James Tayler treasurer. £4: 2: 11.

P Jare Allen

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 24 of July 1695.

Capt John How is Chosen Commisioner to Joyne with ye Selectmen to take an account of ye Towns estat and to cary it to ye Shere Towne according to ye Honored Treasurers worrent. uoted

The Towne haue Chosen Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and Sargt Samuell Howlet and Isaac Peabody and Ephraim Wilds to be a commity in ye behalfe of Topsfield to Joyne with ipswich or a commity in thare Towns behalfe to renew and settle ye bounds of mr Simonds farme betwene said farme and Ipswich

Common to preuent all firther Troble at law and what ye maior part of ye said Commity doth agree about as aboue said the Towne will stand by and it shall be a finall determinasion. uoted

whareas fue men weare Chose ye 6 of march 1693 or 4 to run out ye line betwene Salem and Topsfield ye Towne doth giue ye same Commity uiz Leiut Thomas Baker Capt John How Ens Jacob Towne and Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and Isaac Pabody power to send two men to uew that land as ye Towne doth conseue is our dew : and if ye said Commity or ye maior parte of them doe conseue it is well worth ye trying for : ye Towne doth giue ye said Commity full power to petesion to ye next seasions of ye Generall Court or Courtes ensewing to haue ye line run out seeing Salem doth wholly neglect : and ye Commity haue full power to proceed in a corse of law with Salem at Newbary Court or any other Court and from Court to Court till ye line be run out acording to agrement and what ye maior parte of our Commity doth agree aboute ye Towne will stand by and bare them out in all thare lawfull prosedings. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 28th of august 1695 Capt How is chosen and impowered by ye Towne and in ye Towns behalfe to sew any man or men as haue or shall trespass on our Towne common by felling timber on ye common and carriing it of to ye Towns damage. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 17th of Sept 1695.

Sargt Thomas Dorman and Ephraim Dorman is Chosen to serue at ye next seation of ye inferyor Court of pleas to be houlden at Newbary acording to warent. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfeild ye 17th of september 1695. whareas a summons was directed to Topsfield Towne Clarke from sum of Salem farmes in which ye Towne of Topsfield was summensed to apere at next court at nubary by thare agents to answer ye aturnies of Salem farmes relating to thare Claims of Topsfield land in answer to which ye Towne of Topsfield haue Chosen Leiut Thomas Baker our aTourny to answer ye said summons and to defend ye Towns right : using such legall meathods as he thinks best and ye Towne will bare him out in all his lawfull proseedings. uoted

The Commity impowred to sew Sargt Houey namly Capt How and Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and Isaac Pabody haue full power giuen them by ye Towne to agree with Sargt Houey about ye land in Controuersy betwene ye Towne and Sargent Houey. uoted

The Commity as was impowred to agree with Sargent Houey in ye Towns behalfe about ye land in controuersy haue agreed as foloweth That ye bounds on ye west side of ye brooke of sargnt Houeys land next Topsfield common are as foloweth first is a stake with a heape of stones at Joyneing to John Andreus his land from thence on a straight line northwardly to two read oakes Joyneing together at ye stump marked : and from thence to another read oake nere ye meadow marked leaueing roome for a cart to goe on ye upland by ye medow betwene ye

last two bounds as ye fence now staneth: and from thence on a straight line to a grate white oake marked nere ye meadow: and from thence to an other letell white oake marked: and from thence to another letell whight oake marked: and from thence to another letell white oake marked nere ye ford: and so eastwardly to ye south sid of ye ford.

Dat ye 21th of Septembr 1695.

John How Tobiiiah Perkins Isaac Peabody

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 11th of december 1695 it was agreed on that all bills of charg in ye Towne about any as was implied in ye Towne or in ye Towns behalfe as apered honist ye selectmen shall allow but if any thing aperes scrupilus to ye selectmen it shall be defered to ye consederasion of ye Towne. uoted

at A Lawfull Town meeting 3d march 1695-6.

Ensign Ephraim Dorman is Chosen Town Clarke for ye yeare Insewing. uoted

Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and Sargent Samuel Howlet Ephraim Dorman William Towne and Isaac Easty iunr are Chosen selectmen for ye yeare Ensewing to order ye prudentiall affaires of ye Towne. uoted

Sargt Thomas Dorman is Chosen Cunstable for ye yere ensewing. uoted

Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins is Chosen Towne Treasurer for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

Sargt Daniell Ridington and Corpll John Curtious and Corpll Samuel Standly are Chosen tithing men for ye yeare insewing. uoted

Joseph Borman and John Kenney and John french iunr are Chosen serueyers for highways for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

Jacob Towne iunr and John Comings Elisha Pirkins and John Towne are Chosen fence uewers for this yeare ensewing. uoted

Thomas Towne and Joseph Easty is Chose to see that ye horsis doth not goe on ye Common contrary to law. uoted

Elisha Pirkins and Nathaniell Auerill are Chosen to serue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next County Court to be houlden at Ipswich. uoted

John Robison senr is Chosen Gran Juryman for ye yere ensewing. uoted

it was put to ye Towne to giue goodman Louewell liberty to liue in ye Parsonage hous as before this yeare and a considarable company uoted for it and ye neagitiue was uoted and few or non apered by houlding up thare hands.

At ye request Capt How ye Towne granted a small track of land to set a barne on by ye rode nere his hous prouided ye said How lays downe as much of his owne land to ye common. uoted

Capt Gould and Isaac Pabody are apointed by ye Towne to lay out ye land aboue said. uoted

These after named tooke thare oathes to ye faithfull discharge of thare sauerall places as thay ware chosen two before ye Honored Coll Appleton Esquire on ye 5th of march 1695 or 6. Sargt Thomas Dorman Cunstable Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke Corpll Samuel Standly and Corpll John Curtious tithingmen

Joseph Borman and John Kenney senr and John french iunr serueyers of highways John Comings and Elisha Pirkins fence vewers by order of Collonall Appleton entered by me Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Boston aprill 30th 1695.

Reseued of mr Isaac Easty Cunstable of Topsfield by ye hands of mr John Gould fifty eight pounds eleuen shilings and three pence in full of a worrent for fifty eight pounds eleauen shillings and three pence I say Reseued for Mr James Tailer Treasurer P Jar Allin.

£58-11-3.

Boston desember 26th 1694.

Reseued of mr Isaac Easty Cunstable of Topsfield six pounds three shillings and nine pence in full of a worrent dated ye 13th September 1694 amounting to twenty two pounds thre shillings and nine pence I say Reseued for Mr Jams Tailer Treasurer P Jar Allin.

£06-03-09.

At a lawfull meeting of ye freehoulders and others alowed by law Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins was Chosen representitiue to atend ye next Generall Court to be houlden at Boston on ye 27th of this instant may. uoted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 22 of July 1696.

according to ye act of ye Honered Genarall Court houlden at Boston 27 may 1696 begun and hild: as requires asesers in obediance thare unto for ye leauing an asesment: our Towne of Topsfield haue Chosen Sargent Samuell Houlet and Corpporall Tobiiiah Pirkins and William Towne asesers for yt worke as is in ye said act required. uoted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 12th of January 1696 or 7.

it was put to ye Towne whether thay would alow of a bill of Charge as Capt Gould gaue in to ye Selectmen about druming and drums and cullers: and ye Towne uoted on ye neagitiue. uoted

ye Towne did agree to alow The Towne Treasurer six pence pir pound for recouering and paying Towne debts. uoted

At a Genarall Towne meting the 2th of march 1696-7.

Ensigne Dorman is chosen clark for the yere insuing.

Sargt Redington and Sargt Howlet and Corpll Pirkins and Corpll Standly and Elisha Pirkins are chosen selectmen for ye yeare ensewing to order ye prudentiall affaires of ye Towne. uoted

Joseph Towne iunr is Chosen Constable for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

Daniell Clarke and Corpll Curtious are Chosen to serue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next Court to be houlden at Ipswich if sent for. uoted

Sargt Isaac Easty is Chosen Grand Juryman for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

The Selectmen are Chosen asesers as ye law directs. uoted

John Comings and Thomas Howlet and Beniamen Bigsbee are chosen serueyers for highways for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

William Towne and sargt John Auerill are Chosen fence uewers for the yere ensewing. uoted

and William Towne is Chosen serueyer with ye other aboue said. uoted

Sargt Howlet is Chosen to kepe ye pound this yere. uoted

Sargt Thomas Dorman and Phillip Knite and John french Clarke are Chosen tithing men for ye yere ensewing. uoted

upon ye petition of Clarke french for ye exchang of four or fiue akers of land he request yt land: part of ye land as was Sargt Houlets land and to lay downe land as is on ye hill called mr Pimbletons hill as hath bene improued: prouided quantity and quallity be consedered and allowance answerable with straight lines in ye exchang of both ye Towne grants his request prouided Clarke french be at all charg. uoted

and Sargt Howlet and Capt How are Chosen to lay out ye exchang of land as aboue said prouided that the said french lay down land for ye Towne next ye common. uoted

Leiut Baker and Ens Jacob Towne and William Towne are apointed by ye Towne to renew ye bounds betwene ye first diuision of lots and ye cow common next ye reuer. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye propriotors of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 10th of march 1696 or 7. it was uoted that ye preasent selectmen shall call all ye Cunstables to an acount of all ye rats committed to them to gather belonging to ye minester or Towne and also giue ye Constables full power to proseed with all as are behind in ye rats comited to them to gather: to recouer by sute or destres as ye law prouids and to stand by ye said Constables in all thare lawfull proseed-ing. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye propriotors and Commoners of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 10th march 1696 or 7. it was ordered that no wood shall be fallen on ye south side of ye Riuer on ye common for fire wood and no trees shall be fallen on ye north side of ye Riuer in Topsfield common for fire wood under a foot and halfe ouer exsepting birch maple and popler on both sids of ye Riuer: and no timber to be fallen on either sids of ye Riuer with out leaue from ye maior parte of ye selectmen: and who so euer shall fall wood or timber contrary to ye orders aboue said shall pay ye some of ten shilings per tree to be recouered by ye selectmen: and every one are to take notis if any fells trees contrary to the order aboue said: and thay are to informe ye selectmen: and ye informers shall haue halfe ye fine for thare paines ye other halfe of ye fines as aboue said to be desposed of as ye Towne shall giue order: and firther who euer haue liberty as aboue said for felling timber shall be inioyned to take ye whole top away in two months on ye pennallty for felling trees as aboue said to be recouered as aboue said: and these orders shall continew in force till ye propriotors shall pass firther orders on ye same account. uoted

We whose names are under writen being Chosen by ye Towne to renew ye bounds of ye Common on ye south side of ye reuer: haueing marked a yeallow oake by John Curtiousis and layd stones at it: and from thence to ye place whare ye wallnut tree was: we erected a heape of stones by a rock: and from thence to a read oake tree which we marked

and layd stones at it by Dwonills: and from thence to a whight oake tree by ye Riuer which we marked and layd stones at it.

dat 11 of march 1696 or 7.

Thomas Baker Jacob Towne senr William Towne

At a lawfull Towne meeting 2 march 1696-7.

ye names of those as weare chosen and sumensed to Salem to be sworne to ye discharg of thare dutis respecttively in ye plases as thay ware Chosen to: Joseph Towne iunr Cunstable: Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke: John Comings Thomas Houlet beniamen Bigsbee seirueyers for high ways: sargt Thomas Dorman Phillip Knight and John french senr tithingmen: and William Towne and sargt John Auerill fenceviewers.

atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark.

The persons within named parsonally apered before me: Salem march ye 8th 1696 and took ye oath to ye faithfull discharg of thare respectiue duty acording to ye laws exsept John french.

John Hathron Justis of ye pece.

Corpll Pirkins sargt Howlet and sargt Ridington and Corpll standly and Elisha Pirkins being chosen asesers took ye oath to ye faithfull discharg of thare duty tharein acording to law by me Ephraim Dorman Clarke this 7th aprill 1697.

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 9th of aprill 1697 whare as ye Commity uiz Leiut Baker and Capt How and sargt Howlet and Isaac Pabody and Ephraim Wilds apointed to settle ye bounds betwene Ipswich land and mr Simonds farme so called so farr as it Joynes with Ipswich land: ye commity apprehending thay haue not full power: ye Towne doth giue them full power to agree with Ipswich for ye settleing as aboue said: and also to straighten ye line by Thomas Perlies: and also to exchang with Ipswich for conueniency Edward Nerlands house and som land as thay see cause and ye Towne will stand by it.

uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye free houlders and others alowed by law of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 11th of may 1697: Corpll Tobiih Pirkins was chosen Representatiue to atend at ye next Genarall Court of Election to be houlden at Boston as ye worrent directs.

uoted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 24 of nouember 1697 Capt Gould and Leiut Baker were Chosen to Joyne with ye selectmen to returne answer to Boxford consening thare proposesions as thay sent to us about running a line.

uoted

Know all men by these preasents that whare as thare hath bene sau-aral deferences betwene ye Towne of Ipswich and Topsfield consening thare bounds betwene etch Towne: for and in consideration of a finall Issue of all said differansis wee ye subscribers being ye Commities of etch respectiue Towne aboue mentioned being legally chosen and impowred to make an end of all deferences betwene said Townes: doe tharefore mutually agree and deter-

men as foloweth—Impr— viz—that ye easterly line betwene said Ipswich and Topsfield: shall begin at a stake nere ye spring that diuids or parts ye meadow of samuell Porter and Daniell ffoster, said meadow lying nere ye dwelling house of deacon Isaac Comings ye said stake being about six rod from winthrops corner westerly: said line runing south easterly to ye westward end of a hill called Pains hill: leaueing Edward Neallands Dwelling house about two Rods and a halfe in Ipswich.

Seacondly that ye notherly line betwene said Townes of Ipswich and Topsfield: upon runing thareof ye dwelling house of Abigell Pabody alias Parly: let said house fall either in Ipswich or in Topsfield on ye runing of said line, she ye said Abigell Pearly and her said dwelling house she is now in posesion of shall be and remaine for euer included in Topsfield bounds in witness whereof each Commity haue here unto Interchangably sett to our hands Topsfield this 31st of may 1697.

John Wainwright	Thomas Baker	Witnessis to said agreement.
John Whipple	John How	William Gidney
Phillip ffowler	Sammuell Howlet	Jacob ffoster iuner
John Deane	Ephraim Wilds	Daniell ffoster
ffrances Wainwright	Commity for Topsfield.	

Commity for Ipswich.

Copia Vera Compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 7th of September 1697 ye Towne did agree to make a new Bridg ouer ye Riuer. voted

The Towne did agree that ye Selectmen should apoint ye place where ye Bridg ouer ye Riuer should be made. voted

Capt John How and Sargt Samuella Houlet are chose to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next County Court to be houlden at Newbary after ye dat hereof. voted

Vpon considerason yt our grat Bridg ouer ye Riuer is so out of Repaire yt it is agreed upon to be made all new and in considerason yt ye Bridg and Causway is so exsceeding Chargable and of grate Bennifit to ye County: ye Towne haue agreed upon and haue chose Capt How and Sargt Samuella Houlet to petesion to ye Honored County Court at Newbary: next after ye dat hereof yt ye said Bridg may be a County Bridg. voted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 27 of nouember 1697 Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How are Chosen and impowered to petesion to Salem Court next insewing for alowence towards ye grat Charge as our Towne is at in making a bridg ouer ye Riuer. voted

This may sartifye whom it may consern: that where as Leiut Thomas Baker John How and Jacob Towne weare in pertenorship: by order from ye Towne of Topsfield to seekk after incrochments upon Topsfields rights: and haueing had contreuersey with Capt John Putman about som land claimed by ye said

Putman in Topsfield bounds: and haueing recouered it by law: and ye said Towne of Topsfield haueing laid out part of ye said lands for our owne proper right: I Jacob Towne aboue said haue and hereby doe resigne all my right in ye aboue said land: to ye aboue said Thomas Baker and John How equilly ye considerasion is such that ye said Baker and How shall secure me from ye Town of Topsfield from what ye Towne claimes of me as a debt whilst I was in pertenorship with ye said Baker and How: and I doe hereby upon ye considerasion aboue said freely fully and absolutely giue grant Resigne and set ouer for euer to ye said Baker and How all ye rights yt I haue or might haue had in ye aboue said land: for them equilly to haue hould and inioy for euer without any let hinderence or deniall of me my heirs or assigns for euer; and yt it shall remaine to ye aboue said Baker and How as aboue said and thare heires or assignes for euer in witnes hereof I haue set to my hand this 27th of January 1697-8 and in ye ninth yere of his Maiesties Reigne. Jacob Towne

Signed in ye preasents of us witnessis.

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William Smith Mary X Crocker
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Copia Vera Compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

At a Ganarall Towne meting the 1 of march 1697 or 8.

Ephraim Dorman was Chosen Towne Clarke for this yere.

Jacob Towne iunr and Daniell Clark and Capt How and Elisha Pirkins and Ephraim Wilds are Chosen selectmen to order ye prudentiall affairs of the Towne for this yeare insewing. uoted

Joseph Borman is Chosen Cunstable for this yeare ensewing. uoted

Ebineser Auerill and Thomas Dorman inur and Thomas Robison and William Smith are Chosen sirueyers for highways for ye yere ensewing. uoted

Leiut Thomas Baker and sargt Thomas Dorman are Chosen to serue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next county Court to be houlden at Ipswich. uoted

Thomas Pirkins is Chosen gran Jury man for ye yeare insewing. uoted

Sargt Samuell Howlet and Sargt daniell Redington and Isaac Burton are chosen titthing men for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

in answer to ye desire of mr Capen for ye exehang of a litell land as he formerly propounded for in answer thare onto ye Towne hath granted his desire to haue ye said land prouided he layes downe so much land to ye common on this side of ye reuer and Joyneing to ye common. uoted

Leiut Baker and Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins are chosen and impowred to call all ye Constables of Topsfield to an account forth with as are behind with mr Capen in those rates as ware committed to ym to gather and in case they neglect to giue an account to them and to clere with mr Capen thay haue full power to sew ye Constables as are negligent in thare duty on that account and recouer it of them that mr Capen may haue his due and ye

said Collecters shall doe it without puting ye Towne to firther charge and make reporte of thare so doeing to ye Towne and all so to use menes yt Boxford and Ipswich farmes pay what may in resen be expected from them. uoted

The persons after named apered before Leiut Collonall Appleton and took ye oath belonging to thare respectiue offices as thay weare chosen too on ye 7th day of march 1697-8 uiz—Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke : Joseph Borman Cunstable : Ebineser Auerill and William Smith and Thomas Dorman serueyers of high ways : Sargt Samuel Howlet and Sargt Daniell Ridington tithing men entered by order of ye said Collonall. Ephraim Dorman Clarke.

At a lawfull meeting of ye proprietors of Topsfield ye 8th of march 1697-8. whereas it was agreed upon in ye yeare 1661 that all ye Common on ye south side of ye Riuer should be diuided exept fiue hundred akers to lye for Common to perpetuity : and thare being a small track of land as then was ordered to be diuided and was not : The proprietors now haue agreed yt it should be diuided acording to yt same rule as thay deuided ye other Common as is diuided : that all yt are heirs or haue obtained ye right of those as it was granted in ye yeare 1661 may inioy thare owne : onely whereas thay is a body of clay found in ye said land : thay doe agree yt it shall lye Common to ye said proprietors. uoted

Leiut Thomas Baker and Corpll Tobiiiah Pirkins and mr Zarobabell Endicut are chosen to diuid ye said track of land acording to ye rule aboue said. uoted

and whereas som haue made brick of ye clay in yt track of land as doth belong to ye proprietors of Topsfield as is ondiuided Ephraim Wilds is Chosen by ye proprietors to sease ye said Bricks exept ye owner will comply with ye said Wilds and giue sattisfacktion : and ye said Wilds haue power to agree with him or them as made ye said Bricks : and if he or thay will not comply with ye said Wilds : aboute ye said Bricks ye said Wilds hath power to sew for sattisfaction in ye behalf of ye proprietors and thay will stand by him tharein. uoted

We whose names are under writen being chosen by ye Towne to lay out som land upon exchang by Clark John ffrench with ye Towne haue accordingly dun as foloweth : we haue laide out to Clarke ffrench four akers of land upon ye hill : which land was formerly Samuell Houlets land bounded at ye east end with a small walnut tree marked and stones at it : at ye west end with a heape of stones at ye brow of ye hill : allso a small bit of land of about fifty rods : at ye east end of said Houlets orchard ffor ye which four akers and fifty poules : we haue laid out of ye said frenchis land four akers and fifty poles : as foloweth beginning at ye corner of frenchis pasture fence : to ye corner of ye widdow Pirkinsis feild : we find it three score and twelue rods : and so we layd of from ye said ffrench next ye corner from ye highway to ye Widdow Pirkinsis field : nine rods broade and about two foot whare we set up a stake with stones at it close by ye said Pirkinsis fence : and at ye highway we did ye like : and marked a raile and layd

stones at ye place and so we layd out Justaker for aker and rod for rod.
dat ye 11th of december 1697. John How Samuella Howlet

Copia Vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

We whose names are under writene being appointed by ye Towne to settle a line and to exchang land with Capt John How to set a barne upon accordingly we haue dun it and perfected what we did before which was not well settled as foloweth: begining at Daniell Clarks corner post three rods east ward wanting fiue foot: to a stake and a heape of stones at it: whare ye said Hows fence now stands and from thence ranging north-erly six rods as his fence now stands: leauing roome of aboute three foot betwene his leanto and ye fence to another stake and a heape of stones at it: it stands about twelue foot of ye said barne as it now stands: ranging upon a straight line westwardly to two whight oakes growing out of one stump: that tree of these two as stands next to ye fence is marked and is ye bound tree: and from that tree upon a straight line up to ye whight oacke formerly marked by us: and from that whight oacke tree last named is a corner tree ranging southwardly upon a straight line to a heape of stones and a stake standing by daniell Clarks fence as witnes our hands this 2 day of april 1698.

John Gould senr

Isaac Paybody

Copia Vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meeting of those as weare quallified according to law in Topsfield on ye 14th day of may 1698.

Leiut Thomas Baker is Chosen Representatiue to sarve his Maiesty at ye next Genarall Court of election as ye law directs. uoted

Boston may 31th 1697.

Resesued of mr Joseph Towne Constable of Topsfield thirty nine pounds in part of a worrent for seauenty eight pounds Rec-ed for Mr Jams Tailer Treasurer P. Jer: Allene.

£39. Copia Vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Boston october 15th 1697.

Reseued of mr Joseph Towne Cunstable of Topsfield by ye hand of mr Tobiih Pirkins thirty nine pounds in full of a worrent for seauenty eight pounds Reseued for Mr James Tailer Treasurer P Jer Allene.

£39. Copia Vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Boston decemr 8th 1697.

Reseued of Mr Joseph Towne Constable of Topsfield by ye hand of Mr Daniell Clarke twenty nine pound in part of a worrent for thirty six pound Reseued for Mr Jams Tayler Treasurer P Jer Allene.

£29. Copia Vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Boston January 7th 1697.

Reseued of mr Joseph Towne Constable of Topsfield seauen pound by ye hand of mr John Gould and is in full of a worrent for thirty six pound Reseued for mr Jams Tayler Treasurer P Jar Allene.

£7. Copia Vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Boston april 18th 1698.

Reseued of Mr Joseph Towne Constable of Topsfield by ye hand of mr Daniell Clarke forty eight pounds in full of a worrent for forty eight pounds: Reseued for Mr Jams Tayler Treasurer P Jer Allene.

£48. Copia Vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Reseued of Joseph Towne Constable of Topsfield for ye yeare 1697 three pounds two shilings for ye County Rate which were in full thare proportion for ye County Rate—P me John Appleton County Treasurer.

March 7: 97-8 Copia vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

To Joseph Toune Constable we doe order you to pay out of ye cuntry rate to mr Tobiiiah Pirkins two pounds two: in siluer as soone as you can conueniently.

dat 7 april 1697.

Samuell Howlet

Daniell Redington

Samuell Standley

Elisha Pirkins

Selectmen of Topsfield.

Reseued in full ye contents of this order I say reseued by me Tobiiiah Pirkins this 25th of october 1697.

these are true Copies of the order and reseight atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meting of ye free houlders this 16 of September 1698 and others alowed by law of Topsfield in obedience to a worrent: Quortermaster Tobiiiah Pirkins and Corppl Samuell Standly are Chosen to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next County Court to be houlden at Newbary.

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 21 of october 1698 by uertue of an order of ye Genarall Court to this Towne directed to send resons why a commity may not com to settle a line betwene Salem farmes and Topsfield: the Towne haue agreed to send resons accordingly. uoted

The Towne haue chosen Lieu^t Thomas Baker and Capt. John How and quartermaster Tobijah Pirkins and Ephraim Dorman to draw up ye Towns resens why a commity may not be sent from ye Honored Generall Court to settle a line betwene our Towne and Salem farmes. uoted

The Towne haue chosen our Representatiue Leiu^t Thomas Baker in ye behalfe of our Towne to prefer Resons to y^e Honored Genarall Court why a commity may not be apointed to settle a line betwene Salem ffarmes and our Towne as y^e Towne is ordered by y^e Honored Generall Court. and also to manage y^e cause in y^e behalfe of our Towne against Salem farms Voted

Boston August 29th 1698

Reisued of M^r Joseph Borman Constable of Topsfield by discount with three wolues. Receued y^e 18th of aprill last past by y^e hand M^r Daniell Clarke and is in parte of a Worr^t for twenty six pounds fiae shilings Receud for M^r James Tailor Treasurer.

£3

Jer Allen Esq.

Copia Vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark for Topsfield

Boston december 6th 1698. Receud of M^r Joseph Borman Constable of Topsfield by y^e hand of M^r Thomas Baker twenty three pounds fiae shilings in full of a warront for twenty six pounds fiae shilings Receued for M^r James Tailor Treasurer

£23: 5:

Jer Allen Esq.

Copia Vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke ffor Topsfield

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield y^e 7th of fabuary 1698-9 it was put to y^e Towne whether or not they

would allow Cap^t Goulds bill of charge for Drums, Drumming
and colers and y^e Towne Voted on y^e neagative Voted

notwithstanding y^e Towne Voted a negetive to Cap^t
Goulds bill yit what doth justly apere to be due to Cap^t Gould
for his sons Drumming sence y^e law made in 95 y^e Towne doth
allow to be paid in a Towne Rate a true account being given
of y^e fines Voted

at a Lawfull Towne meeting the 7th of March 1698, ensign
Dorman was chose Towne Clark voted :

Corp^{ll} John Curtious is chosen Cunstable for y^e yeare
ensewing voted

Quartermaster Pirkins and Jacob Towne iun^r and Sarg^t
Samuell Houlet and Elisha Pirkins and Isaac Pabody are
chosen selectmen to order y^e prudensiall affairs for y^e yeare
insewing voted

and y^e Towne did conferme y^e choyce of y^e selectmen
by a maior uote

The Towne did conferme y^t land as y^e select men or som
of y^m did lay out in way of exchange betweene y^e Towne
amd m^r Capen acording as it was ordered to be exchanged
y^e last year by Towne meeting voted

Joseph Towne sen^r and Corp^{ll} John Gould and John
Houey iun^r and John Nickalls sen^r are Chosen serueyers
of high ways for y^e yeare ensewing voted

sarg^t Houey and sarg^t Thomas Dorman are chosen
fence uewers for y^e yeare ensewing voted

Corp^{ll} Samuell Standly and Isaac Eastey iun^r are
Chosen tithing men for y^e yeare ensewing voted

1 Isaac Pabody and Cap^t John How are Chosen to serue
on y^e Jury of trialls at y^e next County Court to be houlden
at Ipswich voted

Sarg^t Danniell Redington is Chosen Graniury man for
y^e yeare ensewing uoted

2 The Towne hath renewed and confermed that order
of wood and timber for y^e presarueasion of it as y^e Towne
made in y^e 10th of March 1796 or 7 and to continnew in
forse this yeare insewing uoted

3 Ensigne Dorman is chosen to go to Rowly and take
out a Coopy of the quantity of land laied to Boxford: and
to be paied for all nasosary charg uoted

4 This 19 of aprill 1698 y^e land granted to M^r Capen
at y^e last end of his homested: is bounded as followeth
begining at y^e corner bounds formerly stated which is an
elme tree: on a straight line to a small swamp oake with
stones aboute it: and from thence to a small stump with
stones about it: and from thence to a small walnut tree
with stones about it: and from thence to y^e southerly
corner bounds of M^r Capens land y^e old Bounds: all y^e land
now aded to M^r Capen is about three quarters of an aker:
sarg^t Houlet being with us in ye doeing what wee did
witness our hands as select men

John How
Elisha Pirkins

Copia Vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne
Clark for Topsfield

5 The 1 of June 1698 we laid out from Samuell Smiths
land for M^r Capen in exchang that M^r Capen layse downe
to y^e Common one aker and twenty pole: it being on y^e east
side of Beniamen Bigsbies meadow: it being forty fiue
pole in length: and eight pole broad at y^e west end: and
nothing at y^e east end at y^e heape of stones witness my
hand

Samuell Smith

John How

Elisha Pirkins

Copia Vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne
Clark for Topsfield

6 The 9 of March 1698 or 9 y^e men here named ware
sworne by y^e Honered Co^{ll} appleton to y^e faithfull discharg
of thare duty in y^e sauerall plasis as thay ware chosen
to: Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke

Corp^{ll} John Curtious Constable Joseph Towne sen^r and
Corp^{ll} John Gould and John Houey iun^r serueyers of high
ways: Sarg^t Thomas Dorman and Sarg^t John Houey
fence uewers: Corp^{ll} Samuell Standly and Isaac Eastye
jun^r Tithing men entred by order of Collonall Appleton
Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield

7 At a lawfull meeting of y^e freehoulders and others
alowed by law of Topsfield y^e 10th of May 1699 quarter-
master Pirkins was chosen Representative to sarve at y^e next
Generall Court to be houlden at Boston on ye 31 of this
instant as ye worrent directs. uoted

8 Whare as Boxford hath petesioned for sum of our
land and it is to be herd at ye next Generall Court and
quarter master Pirkins is Chosen to answer y^m in y^e Towns
behalf. uoted

1 Cap^t John Gould and Lieu^t Thomas Baker and Eph-
raim Dorman are chosen to Joyne with y^e Representitiue
our agent to git what strength thay can and draw up
reasons and pleas in y^e behalfe of our Towne in prepera-
tion for y^e Generall Court to answer Boxfords Claimes of
our land viz Cap Goulds farme and m^r Endicut farme
uoted

[102] At a lawfull meeting of y^e Selectmen of Topsfield y^e 10th Day of May 1699 in answer to an order from wenham for perambulation on ye line betwene Wenham and Topsfield. Capt. John How and Elisha Pirkins and Thomas Towne are Chosen to Joyne with Wenham gentlemen to renew as abouesaid. voted

Att a meeting of ye Selectmen may ye 2^d 1699 then agreed y^t y^e line be perambulated and ye bounds renewed betwene our Towne and Topsfield: on tuesday ye 23^d day of this instant may at about ten of ye clock in ye forenoone to meet at ye northwardly end of wenham Causway if faire weather if not then ye next faire day: and Sarg^t. James freind and William fairfield too of y^e preasont Selectmen: and John Batcheler iun^r John Gott and John Moulton or any three of them or so many of them as shall apeere are apointed for said seruic to Joyne with such gentlemen of Topsfield as shall apere apointed for said seruic—copia vera as it stands entered in Wenham Towne Book exam^d.

Pr. John Newman Towne Clark.

Copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne clarke for Topsfield.

Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed being meet together in behalfe of our seauerall Townes Wenham and Topsfield to perambulate ye line and renew ye bounds betweene our said Townes we haue acordingly renewed said bounds as they haue bene formerly stated and settled by agreement made betwene our Towns as witnes our hands this 23 day of May 1699.

James frind
William fairfield
John Batcheller
for Wenham

copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark
for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meeting ye 19th of September 1699 of ye free-
houlders and others alowed by law of Topsfield Cap^t How
and Thomas Pirkins are Chosen to sarve on ye Jury of
Tualls at ye next Nubary Court. uoted

Boston aprill 27: 1699. Reseued of Mr. Joseph Borman
Constable of Topsfield: 34 pounds in parte of a worrent for
forty three pounds fiftene shillings. Reseued for Mr. James
Tailler Treasurer.

Pr. Jea^r Allin.

Copia vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for
Topsfield.

Boston Sept. ye 4th 1699. Reseued of Mr. Joseph Bor-
man Constable of Topsfield nine pounds fiftene shilings in
full of a worrent for fforty three pounds fiftene shilings:
Reseued for Mr. James Tailler Treasurer.

Pr. Jeremiah Allen.

Copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke
for Topsfield.

16 of January 1699 or [1] 700 at a lawfull Towne meeting
ye Towne did alow of Ephraim Dormans bill of charge—uoted
quarter master Pirkins his bill of charg was alowed. uoted

The Towne hath giueen quartermaster Pirkins full power
to chuse a man to asist him in ye behalfe of ye Towne in
that case to be tried at ye generall Court depending be-
twene Topsfield and Boxford. uoted

[103] Elisha Pirkins is allowed fiftene shilings silver for
sweeping ye meeting house. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Town of Topsfield the 5 day march 1699-1700 Lieut. Ephraim Dorman is Chosen Towne Clarke for y^e year ensuing.

Ens. Samuell Howlet and Capt. John How and quarter-master Pirkins and Isaac Pabody and Jacob Towne inu^r are chosen Selectmen to order ye prudensiall affaires of ye Towne for ye yeare ensewing thay weare chosen acording to our usiall maner uoted and confermed by a maier uote. uoted

Ephraim Dormand and Isaac Easty iunr are chosen to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next court to be houlden at ipswich. uoted

and Sargt Isaac Easty is chosen graniuryman for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

John Comings is Chosen Constable for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

John Robbi[son] senr and Thomas Pearly and Phillip Knite are chosen serueyers for highways for ye yeare ensewing and Nathaniell Auerill is chosen serueyer of highwayes allso for ye yere ensewing. uoted

Ephraim Wilds and Beniamen Bigsbey are chosen fence vewers for ye yeare insewing. uoted

Sargt. John Houey and Mr. Timmothy Pirkins and William Towne are chosen Tithingmen for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

whareas Sargt. Thomas Dorman did mosion ye Towne that thay would alow him twenty shillings of what Edward Nearland was Rated and ye said Dorman was to gather: and ye said Dorman would loose twenty rather than contend at law with him the wholl being forty shilling: ye Towne did uote that thay would alow constable Dorman twenty shilings in siluer in ye next Towne Rate on that a count. uoted

at ye request of Jobe Auerill and sum others y^t thay might raise ye hinder seat in ye back sid of ye meeting hous under ye gallery the Towne gaue them leue so to bee prouided thay fill it with Towns men. uoted

Ens Town desents as to this uote.

The Towne haue renewed the former order about wood and timber as was made on ye tenth of march 1696 or 7. uoted

Boston december 5th 1699: Reseued of mr. John Curtious Constable of Topsfield seauentene pounds in parte of a worrent for twenty four pounds Reseued for Mr. James Tailer Treasurors' by Jer: allen.

£17-copia vera Compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Boston february 23^r 1699-Reseued of Mr. John Curtious Constable of Topsfield seaueeen pounds in full of a worrent for twenty four pounds Received for Mr. James Tayler Treasurer. Pr. Jer Allen.

£7-copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

The persons under writen are sworne to thare office march ye 7th 1699 or 1700-Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke John Comings Constable and John Robison sen^r and Nathaniell Auerill serueyers Ephraim Wilds and Benjamin Bigsbye fence uewers sargent Houey and Mr. Timmothy pirkins Tithing-men sworne before coll Appleton. atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

att a lawfull meeting of ye Selectmen of Topsfield on the 5th day of august 1703 then went and laid out a Country Road from our Meeting Hous to the Towne Bridg over ye River and so on as the Road now gose through our Town to Salem Line.

John Gould Junr
John Cummings, Ebenezer Averell
Samuel Stanley, Thomas Perley

Selectmen of Topsfield.

[104] At a lawfull Towne meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 2 day of aprill 1700.

whare as Salem haue a greed and impowered men to agree aboute a further settlement of a diuisionall line betwene Salem and Topsfield and haue sent to Topsfield that thay might apoint men for that end in answer thare unto Topsfield haue chosen Cap^t. John How quortermaster Tobijiah Pirkins and Isaac Pabody and Joseph Towne Jun^r and Ephraim Dorman and Impowered them to agree with Salem to confirme ye six miles exstent spasified in ye Generall Court did in 1643 and also for a firther confirmation of ye line all ready settelled in march ye 25th 1659 as it is thare spasified.

At a lawfull meeting of ye Selectmen of Topsfield ye 15 of march 1699 or 1700 John How and Ephraim Dorman and Isaac Pabody are chosen and apointed to run ye bounds with ye gentlemen of Ipswich apointed for y^t end in perambulation and to renew ye bounds agreed.

copia vera Compared and entered
atest Ephraim Dorman Towne
Clarke for Topsfield.

Samuellt Howlet in
ye name and by order
of ye Selectmen of
Topsfield atst
Ephraim Dorman
Towne Clarke for
Topsfield.

at a meeting of ye Selectmen of Topsfield ye 5th of april 1700 in answer to ye Selectmen of Ipswich we have chosen and appointed men to atend y^t seruiss thare names are as foloweth Ephraim Dorman Ens Samuellt Howlet Isaac Pabody and John How to run and setle ye Bounds.

copia vera compared atest
Ephraim Dorman Towne
Clarke for Topsfield

John How by order in ye
name of ye Selectmen of
Topsfield.

We whose names are Subscribed being apointed by ye Townes of Ipswich and Topsfield Respecttiuely to run ye line between said Ipswich and Topsfield haue renewed ye bounds all ready stated: from ye apple tree in Leiut Thomas Parlyes field to a read oake marked with stones at it

betwixt mr. Bakers pond and said apple tree: on a straight line from said apple tree to said read oake and from said red oake to a white oake marked upon a hill a few rods from said pond: an yⁿ as ye pond runs to a markt tree at ye end and next fosters and yⁿ by ye former markt trees till it comes to m^r Simonds farme so called and by said farme till it comes to ye stake by or nere a spring nere mr Winthrops corner in ye meadow: and from sd stake haue settled ye bounds on a straight line about two rods and a halfe westerly of Edward Nearlands now dwelling house to a stake and heape of stones: upon ye side of a hill called pains hill: and from said stake and stones westwardly to a heape of stones and stake nere ye brook and so to ye brook yt runs to Corp^{ll} Howlets and yⁿ said brook runs into Ipswich Riuer: in testimony here of we haue set to our hands this 8th day of aprill anno: dom seauenteene hundred.

John How
Ephraim Dorman
Samuell Howlet
Isaac Peabody

John Appleton
John Wipple
Abraham How
William Howlet
John Pingry

copia vera compared and entered pr me Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

at a lawfull meeting of ye Selectmen this 19 of aprill 1700 we have apointed quortermaster Pirkins and Ens Samuell Howlet and cap^t iohn How or ye maior part of them to goe on perrambulation with Salem gentlemen apointed for yt end: and to meet at mr Joseph Porters on ye last tuesday of this instant aprill at ten of ye clocke by order of ye Selectmen of Topsfield.

Isaac Pabody.

copia vera compared and entered Pr me Ephraim Dorman Towne clarke.

[105] at a meeting of ye Selectmen of Salem aprill 2-1700 Ordered that capt Thomas flint mr Joseph Putnam mr Samuell Gedney mr John Trask or ye maior part of them or any two of them doe meet on ye Last tuesday of this instant aprill at ten of ye clock in ye morning at mr Joseph Porters with such as Topsfield shall apoint to perambulate bounds;

Pr. order of ye Selectmen.

Daniell Epes Town Clarke.

copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Town Clarke
for Topsfield.

We whose names are underwritten have met with Topsfield
men as above said and renewed the bounds to Crumwells
rock from a white oake tree with stone[s] at it nere Wenham
Causway this 30 of aprill 1700.

John Trask
Joseph Putnam
Samuell Gidney

copia vera Compared and entred Pr me atest Ephraim
Dorman, Towne Clarke.

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 7th of
May 1700 quortermaster Tobiih Pirkins is chosen Repre-
sentitiue for to sarue at ye grate and Genarall court to be
houlden at Boston on ye 29 of this iustant. voted

Whare as it doth apere that Salem hath giuen full power to
thare Selectmen: to agree with Topsfield or men chosen in
our Towns behalfe for a full settlement and conformation of
ye diuisionall Line betwene Salem and Topsfield: in ansuer
thare unto Topsfield hath chosen capt John How and quor-
termaster Tobiih Pirkins and Isaac Pabody and Joseph
Towne iunr and Ephraim Dorman and hath giuen them full
power to agree with Salem Gentlemen about lands and to
conferme and establish the diuisionall Line and what the
maior parte of them shall agree upon the Towne will stand
by as vallued. uoted

We whose names are under witen being apointed by ye
Selectmen: to lay out a highway to goe with carts and
hosis: from Thomas Pirkinsis in to ye way below En^s Towns
haue dun it: beginning at Thomas Pirkinsis a fence being
on ye South Side: till we com behind his barne and a wal-
nut tree marked on ye north side: and a black oack tree
marked on ye south side: and ye plaine beten path all ye
way to land formerly Thomas Brownings to two heapes of
stones: one on ye south side and one on ye north side and

then ye old beaten path all ye way with trees marked on both sides till we com ouer ffosters bridg: and then ye path that goeth to Elisha Pirkinsis: till we come to a little oake tree marked and through his field to ye causeway that goeeth ouer ye meadow and brook and then the plaine path till we com to Sargt. Easties pasture and then his pasture fence the bounds on the south side till we com in to ye Cuntry Rode. dat ye 26th of october 1699.

Samuell Howlet
Elisha Pirkins

copia vera compared and entered atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke.

at a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield ye Second Day of March 1702 the Town agreed that there should be no Trees cut down upon our Town Common untill further order on ye penalty of Twenty Shilling Pr Tree. voted

This is a true Copy as it stands on our Town Book attested by me Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield.

allowed at a General Sessions of ye Peace holden at Ipswich march 30th 1703 the above order: or by Law: is Read Considered & allowed: and Entred with the County Records: accordingly.

attests Stephen Sewall Cler.

copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield.

[106] Where as thare hath arisen sauarall difaransis betwene ye Towne of Salem and ye Towne of Topsfield about ye bounds betwene ye said Townes and ye lands which were formerly granted by Salem to sauerrall persons without ther six miles extant: by uertue of y^e grant of y^e Generall Court in y^e yeare 1639 vuntil y^e 19th october 1658: at which time y^e said Genarall courte did determen that what lands said Towne of Salem had granted before said 19 october 1658 the propriete thare of should belong to ye persens to whome thay were granted by Salem: and ye Towneship of said lands should belong unto ye Towne of Topsfield—now for ye preuenting any firther deferences betwene ye said Townes for ye future we whose names are here unto sub-

scribed: being apointed and impowered by ye said Townes of Salem and Topsfield: to consider of agree and determen about ye said deferences: we doe agree and determen as followeth viz.—y^t ye bounds betwene ye said Townes shall be and remaine to be on ye circomference Line: from Wenham Causway to Ipswich Riuer on Cromwells neck to three trees marked nere a rock on said neck as ye bounds haue bene stated and perrambulated this many yeares and no firther any pretence to ye contrary not with standing: and y^t what so euer land weare formerly granted by y^e towne of Salem to any person or persons befor ye 19th october 1658 which may fall without Salem Circomference Line before mentioned shall be hild and inioyed quietly and peaceably by ye said persons unto whom ye grants weare made and to thare heires and assigns for euer a cording to thare respectiue grants and bounds: allways prouided that if any parte or parsell of such lands shall fall within Salem Circomference line before mentioned that then ye Towne of Topsfield is only to compleate and make up ye remainder of ye compliment to ye full of such grante and grantes as they haue bene laid out and bounded: and firther that all ye land and meadow which lieth betwene Ipswich Riuer and ye afore said Circomference Line granted to Salem in September 1639: and after ward by an explanasion of said act in ye year 1643 ye same land was granted to Topsfield we say and agree that ye Towneship of ye said land shall be and remaine to Topsfield for euer: thay makeing good the grants to pertick-quiller persons as a fore said: and this to be and remaine and continew a finall end issue and determinasion of all contrerueries and difference betwixt said Townes or of any cause of diferences: In Testimony whare of we ye said parties haue here unto afixed our hands and seales: this 14th day of may 1700 signed seled and dd in preasence of

John Higinson iun ^r	John How	Israell Porter
Daniell Epes	Ephraim Dorman	Samuell Gardner
	Tobijah Pirkins	Stephen Sewell
	Joseph Towne	Samuell Browne
		John Trask
		Joseph Putnam

Copia vera compred with ye origenall as it is here entered atest Ephraim Dorman—Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meeting of ye proprietors and Commoners of ye Towne of Topsfield: ye 10th march 1696 or 7 it was ordered y^t no wood shall be fallen on y^e south side of ye Riuer on ye Common for fire wood: and no trees shall be fallen on ye north side of ye Riuer on Topsfield Common for fire wood under a foot and halfe ouer except in birch maple and popler on both sides of ye Riuer: and no timber to be falen on either sids of ye Riuer with out leaue from y^e maior parte of y^e Selectmen and who soeuer shall fall wood or timber contrary to ye orders abouesaid shall pay ye sum of ten shillings per tree to be recouered by ye Selectmen and euery one are to take notis if any falls trees contrary to ye orders abouesaid and thay are to informe ye Selectmen: and ye informers shall haue halfe ye fine for thare paines: and ye other halfe of ye fine as abouesaid to be disposed of as ye Towne shall giue order: and firther who euer haue liberty as aboute said for falling timber shall be in ioyned to take ye wholl top away in two months on the pennallty for falling trees as aboute said to be recouered as aboute said and those orders shall continew inforce till ye proprietors shall pass firther orders on ye same account uoted

copia uera compared as it stands on Topsfield Towne Records atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

at a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield y^e 5th day march 1699 or 1700 The Towne haue renewed y^e former orders about wood [107] and Timber as was made ye 10th, march 1696 or 7

copia vera taken out of Topsfield Towne Records atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield

At a Generall Sessions of ye Peace houlden at Ipswich march 27th: 1700 ye aboute By laws weare read considered and a lowed atest Steuen Sewill Clarke

Copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield

At a lawfull Towne meting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 28 day of august 1700 Sarg^t Samuell Standly is Chosen a schooll master as ye law directs voted

The Towne haue giuen full power to ye Selectmen to call all ye Cunstable to an account as are defectiue and haue not clered with m^r Capen upon ye a count of the Rate as ware Committed to ym to gather and pay to m^r Capen voted

The Towne haue ordered y^t y^e Towne orderes in ye old Towne Book as giues power to Rate wast land: shall be transscribed in to ye new Towne Book voted

The Towne haue Chosen Cap^t Gould and Leiu^t Thomas Baker and Ephraim Dorman to meet ye gentlemen apointed by ye Honered genarall Courte to com and vew ye farmes as Boxford Claimes and to act in ye Towns behalfe on y^t account voted

Capt John Gould and Isaac Pabody are Chosen to sarue on y^e Jury of Trialls at ye next County Court to behoulden at Newbury on ye last tuesday of next September voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 17th of december 1700 Ephraim Dorman being implied in ye Townes behalfe conserning Ipswich Salem and Boxford in time and righting the Towne alows fiftene shillings voted

and quortermaster Pirkins his bill of charge of seauen pound eightene shilings and eight pence is a lowed voted

and Cap^t Gould is alowed for his Time with ye gentlemen as came from ye Genarall Court a bout Boxfords petesion a bout m^r Endicuts farme and Cap^t Goulds farm and also for wrightings twelue shilings voted

and Leiu^t Baker is alowed six shilings for his time aboue said voted

and Capt Hows Bill of charge about publick bisnes is a lowed which is one pound fiftene shillings and eight pence voted

and Corpⁿ Joseph is a lowed two shilings voted

and Ens Howlet is a lowed fower shilings voted

The Towne hath freed James Waters from all Rate as long as he liues voted

The Towne haue agreed to repaire ye meeting house for our preasent conueniance uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 14th of January 1700 or 1701 ye maior part of ye Towne declared that thay ware for haueing the new meeting house plased on ye plaine by mr Capens voted

and the Towne did agree to build a new meeting house by a maior part voted

[108] Leiut Thomas Baker and Cap^t John How and quortermaster Pirkins are chosen to goe to Ipswich to see if thay can preuaile with Ipswich to fauer thare inhabitence in thare Rates as are constant partakers of ye worship of God in our Towne that thay may be in corridged to be helpfull to us as to ye minisetry voted

ye Towne haue agreed to buld ye new meeting house two and forty foot wide and four and forty foot long voted

The Towne haue chosen Leiut Baker and quortermaster Pirkins and Sarg^t Ridington a commity to agree with a carpender a bute bulding a new meeting house voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 10th of fabruary 1700 or 1701 it was agreed to giue full power to a Commity to agree with ye Indians as lays claime to our lands voted

Cap^t John Gould and Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John How and Ens Samuell Howlet and Isaac Pabody are Chosen and haue full power in ye behalfe of ye Towne to agree with the Indians as lays Claime to our Lands voted

Leiut Thomas Baker is Chosen and fully impowered in ye behalfe of ye Towne to demande and Reseiuue ye mony as was contrebuted for ye redemision of John Heard and neuer was improued for y^t eand and y^e mony remaining in Leiut John Pabodys hand and ye said Baker is to rescue ye said mony for ye Towns use voted

At a lawfull Towne meting the 4 of march 1700 or 1701
 Left Ephriam Dorman is chosen Towne clark for the yere
 insuing voted

Ebineser Auerill is chosen Constable for ye yeare insew-
 ing voted

Capt John How and sargent Samuell Standly and Elisha
 Pirkins and Jacob Towne iun^r and Ephraim Dorman Sen^r are
 chosen Selectmen for ye yeare ensewing to order ye pruden-
 siall affairs of ye Towne uoted

The Towne haue agreed y^t all wast land in ye Towne shall
 be Rated to Towne Rates and minnisters Rates and it is to
 be ualewed at four pounds pir score voted

The Towne haue agreed y^t quortermaster Pirkins Repre-
 sentatiue is to haue two pounds siluer as is in Leiut Bakers
 hand as he reseued of ye Leiut Pabody for ye Townes use and
 ye said mony is to be disconted with ye Reppresentatiue for
 his saruse at court uoted

The Towne hath ordered Leiut Baker to diliuer forty
 shilings of ye Townes mony as is in his hand to Quorterm-
 master Pirkins voted

Sargt John Auerill and Daniell Clark and John Houey
 iun^r are chosen Tithing men for ye yeare ensewing voted

Samuell Towne and Timmothy Pirkins iun^r and Joseph
 Towne ye third are chosen sirueyers for high ways for ye
 yeare ensewing voted

and Ephraim Wilds is chosen Sirueyor with ye other
 named voted

Sargt John Gould and William Smith are chosen fence
 uewers for ye yeare enswing voted

Sargt John Houey and Sargt Daniell Ridington are Chosen
 to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at next County Court to be
 houlden at Ipswich uoted

Sargt Thomas Dorman is chosen gran Jury man for ye
 yere ensewing voted

The Towne haue declared by vote y^t Quortermaster Pirkins shall procure of ye Honnored Generall Winthrop a copy of ye deed as ye Honored Gouvernor Winthrop had of ye Saggemore of agowam
voted

The Towne haue agreed to pay all in mony for what ye Comity shall agree with a carpender or carpenders for bulding a new meeting hous for our Towne as was formerly voted ye first third is to be payd next mickell muss: and the next third ye next mikell mus com twelue month and ye last third ye next mikell mus com two yeare from ye dat here of all to be paide in current mony of new England
voted

[109] The Towne hath made choyce of Sargent Houey and Ephraim Dorman sen^r to exchang a small parsell of land with Jacob foster y^t is common land of our Towne for so much of his land
voted

Boston July 11th 1700 Reseued of m^r John Comings Constable of Topsfield by ye hand of Mr Daniell Clarke Twenty two pounds ninetene shillings in parte of a warrent for twenty four pounds: Reseued for m^r James Tailer Treasurer 22:19
Jer: alline

copia vera compared and entred by me Ephraim Dorman Town Clarke for Topsfield

Boston Sept-16th 1700 Reseiued of m^r John Comings Constable of Topsfield twenty one shilling in full of ye worrent for twenty four pounds by ye hand of m^r Daniell Clarke: for m^r James Tayler Treasurer
per Dauid Jenner

copia vera compared and entred per me Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield

Boston Janu-ye 18th 1700 Reseued of mr John comings Constable of Topsfield forty eight pounds by ye hand of mr Daniell Clarke: being in full of a worrent for ye like sum for mr James Tayler Treusurer—

per Jer: allen

copia vere compared and entered per me Ephraim Dorman Towne clarke for Topsfield

Ephraim Dorman being chosen Towne Clarke was sworne to ye faithfull discharg of y^t place before ye Honored Co^{ll} Wanright ye 11th of January 1700 or 1701 Sargt John Auerill and Daniell Clarke and John Houey iun took y^e oath of Tithingmen: and Ephraim Wilds and Samuell Towne and Joseph Towne y^e third took ye oath of sirueyers of highways: and Sargt John Gould and William Smith took ye oath of fence uewers those ware sworne by ye Selectmen of Topsfield ye 17th of march 1700—1701

at alawfull Towne meeting ye 24 march 1700 or 1701 Corp^{ll} John Curtious and Joseph Towne sen^r are chosen to see y^t y^e order for ye preseruasion of wood and timber be kept on ye south side of Reuer and Sargt John Auerill and Thomas Dorman iunr are chosen to see y^t ye order for ye preseruasion of wood and timber be kept on ye north side of ye Reuer voted

Sargt John Houey is Chosen to prefer ye Towne order for Rateing wast land to haue it Confirmed at ye Honored Courte to be houlden at Ipswich which is ye next inferyor Court of pleas voted

and the Towne haue agreed y^t ye Selectmen shall dispose of ye parsonage house all or any parte of it for ye use of ye Towne voted

Leiut Baker and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen to vew land as John Houey iun^r desirous to exchang with ye Towne and to make report of ye same to ye Towne voted

may ye 2: 1701 acording to ye Towne order we haue exchanged a bout an aker of Topsfield common for an aker of Jacob ffoster his land that now his land by his house is bounded by Topsfield Common begining at a read oake tree marked with stones at it: on ye north side of ye ford by Thomas Pearlyes house: so on a straight line westwardly to a white oake marked with stons at it: from thence norwestwardly to an other whit oake marked with stones at it: and so on a line to a stake with stones at it: and on a line north-eastwardly to a stake with stones at it: standing in Ipswich Line

Ephraim Dorman sen^r
John Houey sen^r

I am fully satisfied with what you haue dun as witnes my
hand Jacob ffoster

copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke
for Topsfield

[110] At a lawfull meeting ye 5th of may 1701 as ye law
directs Quartermaster Pirkins is Chosen Representatiue to
sarue at ye next Genarall Court to be houlden at Boston
voted

Capt Gould and Quor^r Tobiiiah Pirkins and sargt John
Houey and sargt Daniell Redington and Ephraim Dorman are
chosen a commity and haue full power giuen them to agree
with Boxford or men in thare Towns behalfe to put a finall
iseue to all deferences about land in contreuersy and to set-
tle bounds betwene said Towns voted

ye Towne haue agreed y^t in case ye commityes of Tops-
field and Boxford doe not agree about lands in contreuersy :
then Topsfield commity are to procure an artis to run ye
lines a cording to Court Grants and to draugh a drft for a
plaine explainasion thare of to informe ye Honored Court of
yesame voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 24th of June 1701 the
Towne did agree that y^t ye charge as did arise about a gree-
ing with ye indians a bout ye lands of our Towne of Tops-
field shall be raised on ye lands in our Towne only voted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 19th of
Sept 1701 Capt John Gould and Capt John How are chosen
to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next County Court to be
houlden at Nubary voted

Sargent Samuell Standly being chosen schoole master for-
merly and now confermed by uote in ye plce: and also for
ye better incorridgment of him in ye place The Towne
haue agreed to giue him fve pounds in siluer for this next
yeare ensewing besides euery one alowing for thare childrens
learning voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting y^e 31 of october 1701 capt John How is chosen to sarue on ye Jury of Tryalls at ye next superyor Court at Salem voted

m^r Timmothy Pirkins is chosen a Grand Jury man to sarue at ye next Suprior Court at Salem voted

At a lawful Towne meeting ye 2 day of december 1701 it was agreed upon that ye Towne doth leue it with ye Selectmen to raise ye Meeting house Rate according to thare best descreasion haueing respect to ye law conserning heads and incum in a espeesiall maner voted

know all cristian people by thes preasents that whareas I Samuell Inglish Indian Heir to Musquanomenit Sagamore of Agawom for and in considerasion of three pounds in mony in hand payd to my full satisfaction doe absolutly quit claime to y^e Towne of Topsfield of all my right: that I haue had or euer might haue had: within ye bounds or limmits of y^e Towne of Topsfield: as it hath bene by Genarell Court established and to which land by vertue of my aforesaid heirship I doe look upon my self as the rightfull owner of: also I doe hereby oblide my selfe Heirs Executers: &c: to ye Towne of Topsfield to defend them in thare posestion and in Joyment of ye aforesaid said premises for euer and to bare them harmless and in damnifye from any other persons whatsoever whether English or Indian that shall lay anny claime to ye premisis or any part thare of that hather to bene improued or posed by ye Towne aforesaid: by vertue of any Indian title or conueyence I y^e aforesaid Samuell English doe a gaine declare that in considerasion of three pounds corrent mony in hand paid by a committy apointe by y^e Towne of Topsfield to agree with mee in behalfe of said Towne: doe for my selfe and Heirse &c: renounce and Relinquish: all my reall or sposed Right with in y^e limmits aforesaid: and doe hereby confirme to y^e committy aforesaid: in behalfe of said Towne and to thare Heirs &c: for euer: (ye names of y^e comity being Cap^t John Gould Leiu^t Thomas Baker Cap^t John How En^s Samuell Howlet and Isaac Pa-body) ye afore said premises: and y^t it shall be lawfull to and for ye said Towne for euer here after to haue hould


quietly and peaceably in Joy ye [111] ye premises thay thare heirs Executors Administrators and assigns foreuer in testimony whare of I ye said Samuell English haue here vn-to set my hand and seale: this twenty eight day of march anno doming one thousand seuen hundred and one: and in y^e thirteenth yeare of his maiastie's Reigne William the third of England &c

signed sealed and diliuered
in ye preasence of witnesses

Joseph Capen

John Pricherd

Nathaniell Pearly

ye mark of  English

Ipswich may y^e fortenth day 1701 then y^e a boue said Samuell English personally apered and acknowldged this instrement to be his free act and deede be for mee

John Appleton: Justis of ye peace

copia vera compared and entred per me Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark for Topsfield

At a Genarell Court held at Boston 13th of y^e first month 1638 Maschannomet the Sagamore of aggawam acknowldged that hee had rescieued twenty pounds of M^r John Winthrop iun^r for all his lands in Ipswich for which he acknowldged himselfe fully satisfyed as in the courte Book of Reacord at that time doth apere first Book page 240 as atest Edwerd Rawson Seacretary

At a Genarell Court held at Boston on y^e 15th day of fabruary 1682 capt Waite Winthrop son of John Winthrop aboue mentioned and one of his Exer^{ers} presented y^e Originall bill of sale to his late father from said Maschannomet his hand to the Gouverner and maiastrets then in Court desireing it might be recorded which being granted by ye Court is as foloweth—

I mascannomet Sagamore of aggawam doe by these preasents acknowldg to haue rescined of m^r John Winthrop the sun of twenty pounds in full satisfaction of all y^e right property and claime I haue or ought to haue vnto all y^e land lying and being in ye Bay of Aggawam alias Ipswich being

so called now by y^e English: as well all such land as I formerly reseued unto my owne vse at chibacko as also all other land belonging unto me in those partes: m^r Dumers farme exsepted only: and I here by relinguish all y^e right and interest I haue unto all ye hauens Riuers cricks Ilands huntings and fishings with all y^e woods swamps timber and whatsoever else is or may be in or upon y^e said ground to me belonging: and I doe hereby acknowlidg to haue reseceeded full satisfaction from y^e said John Winthrope for all former agreements touching y^e premisies or any parte of them and I doe hereby binde myselfe to make good y^e fore said bargain and sale unto ye said John Winthrop his heirs and assigns foreuer and to secure him against the title and claime of all other Indians and natines what so euer witnes my hand this 28th June 1638

Mascannomet

witnes hereunto

John Joyliffe Thomas Coytimore
James Dowing Robert Harding

his **S** mark

This Deed aboue written so signed and witnessed: being compared with y^e originall word for word stands here thus entred and recorded at y^e request of s^d Cap^t Waite Winthrop this 15th day of fabruary 1682 as atest Edward Rausen seacretary

A true Copy as a peres in y^e Records of y^e Genarall Court
—Exammoned

per Isaac Addington seacretary

copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman

Towne Clarke for Topsfield

[112] At a lawfull Towne meeting y^e 20th day of January 1701 or 2 it was a greed upon y^t ye Pulpit shall be placed on ye north side of ye new meeting house voted

and y^e Towne did agree y^t y^e seats shall be plased after y^e maner as thay be placed in Rowly meeting house and y^e fiue seates before y^e Pulpit is to be sixtene foot long voted

and m^r capens pue is to be placed next the pulpit stairs voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting y^e 3^d of march 1701 or 2
 sarg^t Samuells Standly is chosen Towne Clarke for ye yeare
 ensewing voted

John Robison sen^r is chosen constable for ye yeare ensew-
 ing voted

corp^l Joseph Towne and Sarg^t Samuells Standly and m^r
 Timmothy Pirkins and Isaac Pabody and Sarg^t John Gould
 are Chosen Selectmen for ye yeare insewing voted

Daniell clarke is chosen gran Juryman for y^e yere ensew-
 ing voted

Elisha Pirkins and Sarg^t John Auerill are chosen to sarue
 on y^e Jury of trialls of y^e next Court to behoulden at Ips-
 wich voted

beniamen Easty and John Borman and Thomas Gould and
 John Nickalls and Timmothy Pirkins junier are chosen seru-
 eiers for y^e yere ensewing voted

Thomas Pirkins and corp^l Jacob Towne and Joseph Bor-
 man are chosen Tithingmen for ye yere ensewing voted

John Houey iun^r and Thomas Robison and John ffrench
 Juner are Chosen fence uewers for ye yere ensewing voted

The Towne haue left it to ye Selectmen to make orders
 aboute ye Rames voted

May: 16: 1701 then or before I had resiued y^e full of
 what was due to mee: on rate account in pay and mony for
 y^e yeare 1691 which was committed to constable clarke for
 said yere togather I say resiued y^e full per mee Joseph Capen

Topsfield May y^e 16 1701 Copia vera compared atest
 Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark for Topsfield

Samuel Stanley being chosen Towne Clark was Sworn to
 the faithful discharge of that place before y^e Hon^d Colo^l
 Appleton: ye 5th day of march 1701 or 2

Benjemen Esty and Thomas Gould and John Nichols and
 John Borman and Timothy Perkins took the oath of sur-

veyers of high wayes and Thomas Perkins and Corp^l Jacob Town and Joseph Borman took the oath of tything men, and John Hovey Jun^r and John french Jun^r took the oath of fence veiwers, and Thomas Robinson took y^e oath of a fence veiwer these were Sworn before the Selectmen of Topsfield y^e tenth day of march: 1702 atest Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield march the 17th 1702 Nathaniel Avirill was Chosen then Constable for the Town of Topsfield for the year Insueing and sworn by Sam^l Stanley Town Clerk voted

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield march y^e 17th 1702 Thomas Town and Mickill Dwanill were chosen to see that no timber be tooke off of the Common next to wenham bounds voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of ye Town of Topsfield the 2^d Day of March: 1703 The Town agreed that no Man in the Town shall cut down any Trees upon our Town Common untill further order, on y^e penalty of Twenty Shillings per Tree voted

[113] At a Lawfull meeting of y^e freeholders and others of Topsfield allowed by law the 6th day of May 1702 Lieut Ephrim Dorman is chosen Representitive to serve at y^e General Court to be holden at Boston one ye 27th day of may Instant voted

Ensyne Samuel Howlet, and Sarg^t John Hovey are chosen to serve one the gran Jury at the Superiour court to be held at Ipswich one ye 18th of may Instant: and Lieut Thomas Baker, and Thomas Perly are Chosen to serve one y^e Jury of trials at y^e Same Court voted

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Topsfield May 6 1702 haue apointed and Impowered M^r Isaac Pebody, Elisha Perkins and Thomas Town to goe one parambulation with such of wenham as are apointed for that End one the bounds between wenham and Topsfield and to meet one y^e 18th of may Ins^t at ten of the klok in fore-noon at the west End of wenham Casway

Copia vera atest Samuel Stanley Town Clark for Topsfield
 Samuel Stanley in y^e name of y^e rest of y^e selectmen of
 Topsfield

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield may 18th
 1702 Quar^t mas^r Perkins Lieut Ephrim Dorman and Isaac
 Pebody and Nathaniel Avirill & Sarg^t John Gould; are
 Chosen a commitie to meet with boxford Commitie to settle
 the bounds between our Towns according to General Court
 Grant voted

The Town agreed to prefeere a petition to the General
 Court provided the commities doe not agree voted

The Town have agreed to and Impowered Lieu^t Ephraim
 Dorman and y^e Selectmen to prefer a petition to the Hon^d
 General Court in behalfe of ye town for a further hearing of
 ye case between Boxford and Topsfield voted

Nathaniel Avirell & Corp^l Daniel Clark & Ensⁿ Jacob
 Town and Ephrim Willd and Isaac Pebody are Chosen to
 rune the Line and renew the bounds between the Cowe
 Common and the Lots voted

The Selectmen are to see after Incroachments upon the
 Common voted

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Aprill 25 1702
 they then apointed that our Town bounds between our Town
 & Topsfield be perambulated & renewed one the 18th day
 may next Insuing at ten of y^e clok in y^e fore-noon if it be
 fair wether but if it be fowle wether then one y^e next faire day
 at the Same hour of the day and to meet at the west end of
 wenham Causway and Joseph Herick and Theophelos Rix
 and Samuel fiske or any two of them are appointed to meet
 with such of Topsfield as shall be sent to performe said
 work by order of ye Selectmen Tho^s fiske Clark

Copia vera atest Sam^l Stanley Town Clark for Topsfield

We whose names are under writen being appointed to
 meet with such of Topsfield as were appointed for to renew
 y^e bounds betwixt each Town and have renewed the bounds

as have bin Renewed according to agreement the 18th of May 1705

Isaac Peabody
Elisha Perkins
Thomas Town

Samuel ffiske
Joseph Herick
Theophilous Rix

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Recorder for Topsfield

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Topsfield June ye: 3: 1702 did then appoint Sarg^t John Gould and Samuel Stanley Sen^r to lay out a way from y^e new meeting House to M^r Capens Causway which accordingly we have done. John Gould: Samuel Stanley

Attests Samuel Stanley Towne Clark

At a lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield June y^e 8th 1702 the Town then agreed that y^e new Meeting House should be set upone y^e hill which is Leveled for that End, which is one the plane by M^r Capens voted

ffeb. 26th 170¹ then I Received of Joseph Borman Cunstable for y^e year 1698 what was due to me one Rate account for y^e said year and was committed to him by y^e Select of Topsfield for said year, to gather I say then or before Received the full of what was due to me one Rate account by me Joseph Capen

Copia vera attes^t Samll Stanley Town Clark for Topsfield

[114] At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield July 31 1702 the Town then agreed and gave Lieu^t Ephrim Dorman full power to Employ an attorney or attorneys as may be needful for managing the Case between Boxford and Topsfield: and allso the Town Impowered the Selectmen to allow such money as they shall think needful for y^e carying one of the same voted

the Town agreed that four front: seats in the New Meeting-House should be made about twelve foot Long voted

At a Lawfull town meeting Septem^r 18th 1702 John Pritch is chosen to serue one Jury of trials at Newbery Court voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield Novem^r 18th 1702 the Town then agreed to Rate M^r Endicotts farme as formerly voted

Cap^t John Gould is allowed one pound & foure shillings for a Gun which he bought to send Nerland out with : which Gun is now apart of y^e Town s[t]ock voted

wee whos Names are under writen being sworn to aprise a Hors taken up by John Borman: he is a dark cullered Hors Branded on the near Shoulder: and hath two whit saddle spots: and a half peney cut out of the right Ear he is thought to be an olde Hors: we doe aprise him at thirty Shillings in money Datd the 12th day of Desem^r 1702

John How
Timothy Perkins

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield y^e 17th of february 1702 or 3 Capt John Gould is chosen Representative to attend at the Hon^d General Court to be holden at Boston on the Tenth Day of March next Insuing y^e Dat here of voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield the 2 day march 170³ Sarg^t Samuel Standly was Chosen Towne Clarke for ye yeare in sewing voted

Phillip Knight is chosen Constable for y^e year Insuing voted

Deacon Thomas Dorman; Jacob Town; Elisha Perkins; Isaac Estey Jun^r and Samuel Stanley are Chosen Selectmen for the year Insuing voted

Michill Dwaniell Jun^r and Zecheus Gould; Amos Dorman and Steben Cummings are Chosen Surveyors of high-ways for the year Insuing voted

Ephrim Wild and Joseph Town Sen^r John Robisson Sen^r and Thomas Robisson are Chosen Tithing-men for the year Insuing voted

Thomas Perley and Thomas Dorman Jun^r are Chosen
fence viewers for y^e year Insuing voted

Lieut Tobijah Perkins is chosen grand Jury-man for the
year Isuing voted

Lieut Ephrim Dorman and Ebenezer Averell are Chosen
to Serve on the Jury of Trials at y^e next Court to be holden
at Ipswich voted

Samuel Smith & Thomas Dwaniel; John Robisson Jun^r
are Chosen Hawards for the year Insuing voted: Michill
Dwaniell & John Town are chosen hograngers voted

the Town agreed that noeman in y^e Town shall cut down
any Trees upon the Common (on Ether Side of y^e River)
untill furdur order on y^e pennalty of twenty shillings and y^e
one halfe of y^e fine is to goe to y^e informer & the other half
to y^e Towns vse voted

the Town agreed that Every man that hath Timber Cut
down on y^e Comon In a fortnight after y^e date hereof shall
take it a way or Else it shall be forfeited voted

cap^t John Gould; Jacob Town; Isaac Estey; Ephrim
Wilde and Daniel Clarke are chosen to look after y^e timber
on y^e common both sides of ye River to see that no more
Timber may be cut down on the Town common: untill fur-
der order voted

The Surveyors of highwayes fence viewers, & tithing-men
chose on the second day of March 170³ for y^e year Insuing
were Sworn to the faithfull discharg of their Respective duties
by the Selectmen on y^e 6th day March 170³

attests Samuel Stanley Town Clark for Topsfield

[115] The 6th Day of March 170³ the selectmen chosen
for that year took the Assessor oath before me Samuel Stan-
ley Town Clarke: attested by me Sam^{ll} Stanley Town
Clerke

We whos Names are under written being Chosen by y^e
Town of Topsfield to runn the Line between y^e Cowe Com-

mon and the Lots: we begun at a great white oak tree near y^e River which is y^e olde bound tree; and from thence about sixteen Rod to a heap of stons with a stake; and from thence to a Red oak tree which is the olde bound tree: standing about twenty Rods Esteward from Michill Dwaniell Jun^r house; making a bounds at Every forty Rods End; this being the Line Eastwardly then: begining at y^e above said red oak tree to a heap of stons & a stake about twenty six Rods from y^e said Red oak tree: and from thence to a heap of Rokes being the Reputed bounds between the Common and y^e Lots; making a bou[n]ds at Every forty Rods End: and from thence to a black oak tree standing on y^e Ridge between John Curtis house and his sons house; making abou[n]ds at Every forty Rods End; betwixt y^e said heap of Rocks and the oak tree; and from the above-said black oak tree by the same Rule; we finde that John Curtis Sen^r his orchard is a littel of it in the Common; and to run uppon a straight Line to Endicotts Line we finde that y^e above said Courtis hath taken in a conciderable deale of the Common; we finde y^t John Curtis Jun^r hath taken in a Slipe of Land; we finde that Jacob Town Jun^r hath taken in a Slipe of Land; we finde that John Perkins hath taken in a Slipe of Land; we finde that Michill Dwaniell and his son hath taken in a conciderable parcell of Land which we Judge is common and young Dwaniells house is as we Judg upon the common; and we find that Thomas Town hath taken in a Slipe of Land: Dated y^e Second day of Desember 1702

Jac[o]b Town
Daniel Clarke
Ephraim Willdes

This is a true Copy compared and Entred by me Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield y^e 26th of March 170³ the Town Chose Samuel Stanley to be School-master for y^e year Insuing and left it to the Select-men to provide a School-House as soon as they could Conveniently
voted

Ephraim Willd tooke y^e oath as Tithingman before y^e Selectmen y^e 26th of March 1703 attest Samuel Standley Town clerk

At a lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield 23 apr^{ll} 1703 Lient Thomas Baker is Chosen Commissioner to Joyn with the Selectmen in takeing an account of the Towns Estate and to carry it in to the Shere Town voted

Chosen to Parambulate Topsfield Line M^r Jonathan Putnam M^r James Lendall M^r Benjemin Putnam M^r John Pickering or any two of them to Meet at y^e House of Deacⁿ Edward Putnam with Topsfield men on tuesday Aprill y^e 20 1703 at eight of the Clock in the morning; Daniel Epes T. Clerk

copia vera attests Samuel Stanley clerk for Topsfield

At a Meeting of y^e Selectmen of Topsfield April 16th 1703 then appointed and Impowered Deac Thomas Dorman and Elisha Perkins & Jacob Town to goe on Parambulation with such of Salem as are appointed for that end on the bounds between our Townes and to meet at the House of Deac Edward Putnams—by order of the Selectmen Samuel Stanley Town clerk

We whose names are under writen being chosen by y^e Town of Salem and the Town of Topsfield to Perambulat on y^e Line between Salem & Topsfield have accordingly mett, and in behalfe of each Town owned and renewed a Red oake Tree with a heap of Stones at it: Commonly Called Cromwells Rock neare the River, from thence to a heap of Stones between three white oake Trees by a great Ash Swamp then to a heap of Stones near Nickoleses Brook, then to a Dead Tree with a heap of stones at it near the head of Smiths Medow; then to a crooked black oake Tree [116] near wheel Brook and then to a white oake Tree with Stones at it near Wenham Causway—Dat 23 Apr^{ll} 1703

Deac Thomas Dorman
Elisha Perkins
Jacob Towne

Jonathan Putnam
John Pickering
Benjemin Putnam

copia vera attest Samuel Stanley Town Clerk

At a Lawfull Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified as y^e Law directs Lieu^t Ephraim Dornian is Chosen Representative to attend at y^e General Court for ye year Insuing voted

cap^t John How & Ephraim Willd is chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials, and corp^l John Curtis to Serve on y^e Grand Jury at Ipswich Court to be held on y^e 3^d tuesday of May 1703 voted

At a meeting of y^e selectmen of Ipswich Aprill 20-1703 it is ordered y^t y^e bounds between our Town and Topsfield be renewed as the Law directs: the persons chosen to act therein are as followeth: Sarg^t Samuel Hart Sarg^t Robart Lord, M^r Phillip fowler & Edward Nealand and that speedy notice be Given to ye Selectmen of Topsfield in order, to their appointing of persons to Meet and to act therein, and y^e Day appointed to Perform Said work is on y^e Eleventh Day of May next at on of y^e clock of said Day The place appointed to Meet at is at the Hous of L^t Perleys, Aprill 20 1703 attests Daniel Rogers Clerk for Ipswich

We whose Names are under writen being appointed and Impowred by y^e Select-men of Ipswich and Topsfield to Renew y^e Bounds between Said Towns; accordingly mett and renewed y^e Bounds as followeth; begining at an Apple Tree in Lieu^t Perleys field and so to an oak with stones at it; accordingly to a white oake on a hill near m^r Bakers Pond the Pond being the Bounds and a Tree marked at the end of y^e Pond next fosters with stones at it; and so by the marked Trees till it comes to m^r Symonsses farme; and by Said farme till it comes to a stake by or near m^r Winthrops Corner in the Meadow, and from said stake to a stake on the side of an hill Called Pains hill and from thence westwardly to a stake with stones at it: near the Brook; and so to the Brook and as the Brook runs by Corp^l William Howlets to Ipswich River this 12th of May 1703

Ipswich

Topsfield

Sarg^t Sam^l Hart
Phillip fowler

Thomas Dorman
Elisha Perkins

Robart Lord
John Pangry

Ephraim Dorman

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler. for Top

At a Lawfull meeting of The Town of Topsfield June y^e 18th 1703 The Town agreed to Chuse a Commitie to Treat with a Comite of Boxford Concerning Setteling a Duiding Line between Boxford and Topsfield voted

[117] Lieu^t Ephraim Dorman M^r Isaac Peabody Clark Elisha Perkins and Corp^l Jacob Town and Nathaniel Averell ; are chosen a commitie according To the Advise of The General Court and the Towne of Topsfield doth Give full Power To our Comite to Agree wth a commitie of Boxford in behalf of Topsfield and Boxford To Determin the Diffierence between the Said Towns if They Can In Settelling a Divisional Line between said Towns. If not to Chuse Three Able Men of the Councel To Determin The Case ; and our Comite Shall Enter into Sufficent Bond In the behalf of our Town to Stand to the Determination of Those Gent^l Men as above said ; Provided Boxford Commitie will doe accordingly ; and then the Town will Stand to what Comities doth Therein voted

the 24th of September 1703 Deac Thomas Dorman Elisha Perkins Corp^l Jacob Town Isaac Estey and Samuel Stanley took y^e oath of an Assesors for y^e Town of Topsfield before me Samuel Stanley Town clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield y^e 5th of october 1703 the Town agreed that the new Meeting House should be Seated after the maner as Ipswich new meeting House is seated leavening no room for Puese except Mr Capens Pue voted

the Town Granted Liberty to People of the Town to set up Stables for there Horses on the back Side of y^e New Meeting House provided they set them as near the Swamp as they can voted

the Town agreed that the Surveyers Should Cut Timber on the Common to mend Bridges with all voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield the 5th of November 1703, the Town agreed and Chose Deacⁿ Samuel Howlet and Lieu^t Thomas Baker and Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins; and Sarg^t Daniel Redington; and Corpⁿ Joseph Town to be a Commitie to Seat people in the New Meeting House
voted

the Town agreed that M^r Tillton should take down the Pulpit
voted

the Town agreed that M^r Tillton should have 7 or 8 of the pla[n]ck of ye wimens seats in the olde meeting House for his charge of taking down the Pulpit excepting proprieties
voted

the Town agreed that the former return of laying out y^e highway from the Bridg ouer the River up in to the Town; Should be Recorded in y^e Town Book
voted

the Town agreed that y^e Selectmen Should Join with Lieu^t Ephraim Dorman to draw up apetition to send to the General court: that a Surveyor may be sent to veiw the Lands in contryversy between Boxford and Topsfield
voted

The Town agreed to Adjorn the Meeting down to the New Meeting House
voted

The Town agreed to pass acts then in the new meeting House
voted

The Town agreed that the vacant room on both Sides of y^e Pulpit should be for Puese reserving the Right of y^e Room to the Town
voted

the Town agreed; that M^r Baker should have Liberty to set up a Pue behinde Mrs Capens Pue the Town reserving their Right in y^e room
voted

the Town agreed that M^r Brodstreet and Lieu^t Perkins and M^r Isaac Peabody Should have Liberty to Set up three Puese on the west Side of the Pulpit; the Town reserving their Right in the Room
voted

at a lawfull Town meeting 3 of December 1703 the Town

granted Liberty for Pues to be set up at each end of the
pu[1]pit voted

[118] The Town granted Liberty to Mr Baker to set
up a Pue behinde Mr^s capens Pue for his wife and familie
the Town reserving their Right in the room voted

the Town Granted Liberty to M^r Brodstreet to set up a
Pue at the west end of the Pulpit and himself to sit with his
wife in the Pue; and the Town Reserving their Right in the
Room voted

[118] the Town Granted Liberty to Lieu^t Perkins to set
up a Pue next M^{rs} Brodstreets Pue and himself to sit with
his wife in the Pue: and the Town reserving their Right In the
Room voted

At a Lawfull Town meeting 28 of December 1703 the
Comitie chosen to seat People in the New meeting House
made their return of seating People: and the Town did not
accept of it

Instructions for the Comitie to Seat People by agreed up-
on by the Town; first men from Sixty years & upwards to
be Respected for their age before money in younger men
the meeting House Rate that was made in y^e year 1702 and
the Country Rate that was made in y^e year 1703 to be the
Rul^e to seat the rest of the People by

the Town agreed that the Instructions aboue written should
be the Instructions for the Commitie to seat People by voted

the Town agreed and Chose Sarg^t John Gould and Corp^l
Jacob Town & Ebenezer Averell to be a Commitie to Joyn
with the former Commitie in Seating people voted

at a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 7 of march 170³ of ye In-
habitant of Topsfield it being theire Generall Town meeting
Sargant Standly was Chosen Towne Clarke for y^e yeare in-
sueing voted

Sarg^t John Gould, Thomas Perley, John Cumings, Eben-
ezer Averell and Samuel Stanley are Chosen Selectmen for
the year Insuing voted

Thomas Howlet is Chosen Constable for the year Insuing
voted

John Curtis, John Prichit, sarg^t John Averell and John Dwaniel are Chosen Surveyers of high wayes for the year Insuing
voted

Benjemen Bixby sen^r and William Smith are chosen fence viewers for the year Insuing
voted

Thomas Perkins sen^r and Corp^l John Curtis and William Town are Chosen Titheing men for the year Insuing
voted

Ephraim and, Thomas Dwaniel are Chosen Hawards or field driuers for y^e year Insueing
voted

Sarj^t John Havey is Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of trials for march Court
voted

Sarj^t Daniel Redington is Chosen to serve on y^e Jury-Grand at Ipswich Court next
voted

The Town Granted to Daniel Waters the Parsonige House: the Town confirmed their former Instructions for Seating People
voted

the Town agreed that there should be away lay'd out from y^e Meeting-House to M^r Capens Casway
voted

L^t Thomas Bakers, Ensigne Jacob Town and m^r Isaac Peabody are Chosen to renew and Settell Bounds with m^r Zorobabel Endicott on the South Side of y^e River between our Town Common and Endcotts medow and between y^e Cow Common and the Lots
voted

the Town agreed that those which have Cut Trees contrary to the Town order should be fined according to y^e Town order
voted

the Town agreed y^t those that have broke y^e s^d Town order in Cuting Trees contrary there to shall be prosecuted by the Selectmen according to Law
voted

the Town agreed that y^e Selectmen should make orders for ringing of Hogs and restraining of Rames
voted

the Town agreed that the Town order or By Law: Shall Still Stand in force for y^e prohibition of cutting down any Trees upon our Town Common until furdur order voted

[119] The Town agreed to defend the Constables in all their Legal Actions with M^r Zorobabel Endicott and John Keney for y^e recovery of their Rates to y^e Town voted

the Town agreed that y^e Select-men should send to our Neighbors of Boxford concerning what they are behinde in their Rates with M^r Capen voted

the Town agreed y^t all y^t have Particuler Rights; as to Seats in y^e old Meeting House shall have liberty to take them away voted

The Town agreed to sell y^e olde Meeting-House to Sarg^t John Gould for five Pounds in money voted

The Town agreed that y^e Select-men should lay out y^e High-way from the Meeting House to y^e Town Bridge over y^e River: and so to Salem Line voted

The Town officers sworne for y^e year Insuing to the faithfull Discharg of their Respective offices by Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield the 14th of March 170³₄

Samuel Stanley being Chosen Town Clerke for y^e year Insuing was sworn to faithfull discharg of that office before the Select-men of Topsfield March 20th 170³₄

March 20th the Select-men for y^e year Insuing was Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their places before me Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Select-men March 20th 170³₄ Then appointed Cap^t John How and Samuel Stanley to Renew y^e Bounds between y^e Land of Zacheus Perkins and y^e Town Common Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk

We whose Names are underwriton being appointed by y^e Select-men to Perambulate and Renew the Bounds between y^e Land of Zacheus Perkins and y^e Town Common: and

accordingly we have renewed y^e Bounds as we finde them Recorded in our Town Book: only y^e Bounds near to Berzillah Barkers Cornner Seemes to be demolisht but y^e Tree that was marked there we finde lying upon y^e fence as we think

John How

Dated 21 March 170³

Samuel Stanley

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Topsfield Town Clerke.

Boston November 18th 1701 Received of Mr Ebenezer Averell Constable of Topsfield Two Pounds in full of a warrant for Forty Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings Received for Mr James Taylor Treasurar per Jeremiah Allene

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e Twelveth Day of May 1704 Cap^t John How is chosen to serve on ye Grand-Jury at Ipswich Court next, and Sarg^t Samuel Howlett and clarke Elisha Perkins are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials

voted

Sarg^t John Hovey is chosen to Represent y^e Town at y^e General Court to be kept at Boston for this year Insuing

voted

the Town agreed that y^e Selectmen should lay out a highway through the Land of Zacheus Perkins to M^r Capens Causway

voted

At a Lawfull meeting y^e (4th) of 5th month; 1656 it is herby ordered and Granted that there shall be a way of foure Rod wide from the forde nigh to the House of William Towne: Through the Lands of the s^d William Towns, William Howard, Jacob Town, Edmund Towne and George Buncker as it is layd out by Francis Pebody, John Redington, Edmun Town, and William Howard: at the Request of the sd. Town

voted

Received of Ebenezer Averell of Topsfield former Constable y^e Sum of Eight Pounds six shillings & six pence: for y^e year 1701 upon y^e account of y^e County of Essex there being so much Comitted to him to Colect: by y^e Select-men

of Topsfield for said County. Ipswich June y^e 7th 1704:
per me John Apleton County Tresurer

Copia vera attest Samuel Stanley Towne Clerke for Topsfield

[120] At a Leagal Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e 9th of June 1704 Sarg^t Daniel Redington is Chosen Representative for y^e year Insuing
voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e 16th of June 1704 the Town then agreed and did chuse Lieve^t Ephraim Dorman Deac Samuel Howlett, Cle^r Elisha Perkins, Ephraim Willd and Nathaniel Averell to be a commitie to Joine with a commitie of Boxford, to Settle a Divisional Line between Boxford and Topsfield: and our Town have given our commitie full Power to Joine with Boxford commitie: and to settle a Divisional Line between y^e Said Towns; If y^e said commities Therein can agree
voted

Wee whose Names are under written being appointed by y^e Selectmen to lay out a high-way from y^e Meeting-House upon y^e common and through the Land of Zacheus Perkins to M^r Capens Causwey; which accordingly wee have done; and lay'd out said way where y^e olde way before went to y^e west end of M^r Capen causey

Samuel Standley
John Gould

Dat 26 of June 1704

Copia vera attests Sam^l Stanley clerke

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield 22 September 1704 Cap^t John How and Benjemen Estey are Chosen to Serve on y^e Jury of Trials at Newbery Court to be holden on y^e last TuesDay of this Inst^t Sept^r
voted

the Town agreed to leave y^e mater concerning M^r Page to y^e Selectmen
voted

the Town agreed that the Stone wall which is about y^e old Meeting-House shall not be medled with without leave from y^e Town
voted

Boston Desember 2^d 1704 Received of M^r Phillip Knight
Constable of Topsfield Thirty Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings;
in part; Received for M^r James Taylor Treas.
per me Jer Allene

Boston Aprill 18th 1704 Received of M^r Phillip Knight
Constable of Topsfield forty Nine Pounds Seventeene Shill-
ings & Six pence in part: Received for M^r James Taylor
Treasurer
per Jer Allene

Boston July 3; 1704 Received of M^r Phillip Knight Con-
stable of Topsfield fifty-one Pounds Ten Shillings in part
Rec^d for my father James Taylor Treasurer
per James Taylor

Boston September 5th 1704 Received of Phillip Knight
Constable of Topsfield Twenty four Pounds three Shillings
& 4 pence in pt Received for my father James Taylor Treas^r
per James Taylor

Boston November 13th 1704 Received of Phillip Knight
Constable of Topsfield Sixteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings
& two pence in full Received for M^r James Taylor Treasurer.
per Jer Allene

Ipswich Feb 3^d 170³ Received of Phillip Knight Constable
of Tops^d the sum of six: Pounds ffourteen Shillings &: Six
pence which is in full of ye sum he was to pay for y^e Coun-
try Essex
per John Appleton County Tres^r

The Six Copyes last above entred are true Copyes as at-
tests Samuel Stanley Recorder for Topsfield

[121] At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e
8th of Decem^r 1704 the Town agreed to allow Constable
Knight one Pound Sixteen Shillings and two pence his Coun-
try Rate being so much too short
voted

the Town agreed and Chose Cap^t John Gould and Deac:
Samuel Howlett to be a Committee, and gave them full Power
to act and vse the best methods they can for the recovering

of the Arrears of M^r Capens Rates Due to him from Boxford
voted

the Town Granted liberty to Joseph Andrew to get the Pue finished which is in y^e North west Corner of our Meeting House and he paying for ye making of s^d Pue; hath liberty to Improve it so long as he is a Constant hearer of y^e word of God with us, and doth yearly pay to M^r Capens Sallery pay Ten Shillings as hath promise^d and that when ever y^e s^d Andrew doth leave our Town, the said Pue is to remain to be disposed of by the Town
voted

The Town agreed to allow Elisha Perkins twent[y] one Shillings for Sweeping the Meeting House from the time he first began to sweep y^e new Meeting House, unto next March Meeting
voted

Whereas his Excelency our present Governer hath ordered M^r Page to our Town and hath by his perticuler order to the selectmen; ordered them to finde him a House and Land to Improve at a Reasonable Rent; Pursuant hereunto wee the Selectmen of Topsfield have lay'd out unto M^r. Page Ten Acres of Land or there abouts; out of that Land lying Joyning to Lieu^t. Perkinses Lot; on the South side of Ipswich River: Bounded with an Assh Tree standing near the Clay Pits: and so Cross that Land to an Heap of Stones in or near Lieu^t. Perkinsis Line. The conditions with M^r. Page are as followeth: If the Town will be pleased to Exchange Land with Zacheus Perkins: viz: that Land above saiad: for that Land of his that lyeth to M^r. Capens Causey and Joyning to the Common: Acre for Acre; or as out Towns men; Shall Judge; to be chosen by the Town and Zacheus Perkins: Respecting Quallity; Then Zacheus Perkins doth by These Presents—Binde himselfe to clear the Town from the above said order: by finding him a place to live in; as the Governer hath ordered. or Elce wee the Selectmen of Topsfield Do Binde our-Selves In behalf of the Town: to Pay to M^r. Page, so much as he Shall Expend in Building and ffencing (not exceeding five Pounds) upon that Land: If the Town will not Exchang the Land above

said; or if he should be called away by Authority or otherwise Dat^d. y^e 19th of Decem^r. 1704

his
Zacheus *W* Perkins
mark

Samuel Stanley
John Gould
Thomas Perley
John Cummings
Ebenezer Averell

Select Men of Topsfield

Copia vera as Attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for
Topsfield

We whose Names are underwritten being Chosen by y^e Town to settle the Bounds between y^e Town Common and the Lots have settled the Bounds between Corp^l John Curtis and the Common: We have agreed as followeth; that the Bounds Shall run from a Black oake Tree which is Reputed to be the Bounds of our Common, upon a straight Line to a Black oake marked, with a heap of Stones at it: and on a strait Line to M^r Endicotts Line.

Dated 22^d of March 1704

Thomas Baker
Jacob Town
Isaac Peabody

Copia vera as Attests Samuel Stanley
Town Clerk for Tops

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield: 29 Decem^r 1704 the Town allowed five Pounds towards paying for y^e Watch-House to be Pay'd in money, or Corn as it passeth for money from man to man in y^e Town voted

the Town agreed that y^e Selectmen should call y^e Constables to account that are behind with Mr Capens Rates here in y^e Town: and Town Rates allso to see that they gather up these Rates & Clear with M^r Capen, and with the Town both voted

the Town agreed ether to Pay M^r Page what he doth Expend in building & ffencing, not Exceeding five Pounds upon the Land which the Selectmen have lay'd out to him; or to Exchang the Said Land with Zechus Perkins voted

the Town agreed that Sargent John Gould Should have the Glass which did belong to the old meeting House voted

This may certifie whome it may concern that I received of corp^l Curtis, what he was ordered to pay to me when he was Constable as was Due to me from ye Town, I say received by me Ephraim Dorman: Dated 21 feb: 170⁴

This may certifie whom it may concern that in y^e yeare 1699 Corp^l John Courtis Payd to me that Money which was ordered to me by the Selectmen for what the Town was Indebted to me: Received by me Tobijah Perkins

This may certifie whom it may concern that I have Received sixteen pence of Constable Courtis; which was Due in a Town Rate to me, which he was to gather; Received by me John How

Received of Corp^l Curtis when he was Constable all that he was ordered to pay to me out of the Town Rate committed to him to gather up: I say Received by me Elisha Perkins; Dat. feb 21: 170⁴

[122] Received of Corp^l John Courtis Constable for Topsfield for ye Year 1699 the full of the Minesters Rate for said Town committed to him to colect: I say Received of him in full for s^d Rate by me Joseph Capen Dated: feb; 13th 170⁴

The five Receipts here last entered: are enterd true cotypes as attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

Received of Ephraim Willds as Constable for topsfield for y^e year 1692 the full of y^e Rate for y^e Ministry for said Town and year. I say received the full
per me Joseph Capen: feb: 27: 170⁴

Received of John Commings Constable for Topsfield for y^e yeare 1700 the full of the Rate for the use of the Ministry

for said Town and year. I say received in full
per me Joseph Capen: feb 27: 170 $\frac{1}{2}$

• Compared & entred per me Samuel Stanley Town Clerke

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Towne of Topsfield it being
there Generall Towne meeting apon y^e 6: day of march
170 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sarg^t Samuel Standly was Chosen Towne Clarke for y^e
yeare insueing. voted

Sarg^t John Gould and Corp^l Jacob Town are Chosen
Constables for the year Insuing for Topsfield voted

Ebenezer Averell, Thomas Perley, Sargt Daniel Reding-
ton: Clerke Elisha Perkins; and Corp^l Joseph Town, are
Chosen Selectmen for the year Insuing voted

Thomas Dwaniell, Ephraim Willd, William Hobs, and Jo-
seph Gould are Chosen Surveyers of highways for the year
Insuing voted

Sarg^t John Hovey, Isaac Estey and Thomas Perkins are
Chosen Tithing men for the year Insuing voted

Zacheus Gould and John ffrench Jun^r are Chosen ffence
viewers for the Year Insuing voted

John Town and Michill Dwaniell Jun^r are Chosen Hawards
for y^e year Insuing voted

Nathaniel Wood and Stebbens Commings are chosen to
see that People do yoke and Ring their Hogs voted

L^t Ephraim Dorman is Chosen Grand-Jury-man for y^e
year Insuing voted

Joseph Borman and Thomas Dorman are Chosen to Serve
on the Jury-of Trialls at Ipswich Court to be holden on y^e
last Tues-Day of this Instant voted

The Town Granted Liberty to Abraham Howard Jacob
ffoster and Daniel ffoster and Caleb ffoster to set up a Stable
to Shellter their Horses in upon our Common near our meet-
ing House voted

the Town agreed that the order or By Law which was considered and allowed at a General Sessions of y^e Peace holden at Ipswich March 30th 1703 concerning y^e Prohibition of falling wood or timber on our Town Common Shall Still Continue till the Town See Cause to Repeal it voted

the Town Granted to those that are Seated in y^e ffront Gallery; Liberty to raise y^e ffront of that Seat according to their mindes voted

The 9th of march, 170⁴ The Town Officers chosen for the Year Insuing were Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their Respective Offices by the Selectmen

The 9th of March 170⁴ Samuel Stanley being chosen Town Clerke for the Year Insuing was Sworn to y^e faithful discharge of that Office by the Selectmen and y^e Select Men wear sworn as Assessors to y^e faithfull discharge of their offices by y^e Town Clerke: as attes[t] Sam^{ll} Stanley Clerk

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield, May 8th: 1705 Elisha Perkins was Chosen Representative to Represent the Town at y^e Great and General Court or Assemble for the year Insuing voted

[123] Sam^{ll} Stanley is Chosen to Serve on y^e Grand Jury at y^e Superiour Court to be held at Ipswich the fiftenth of May Instant voted

Lieut Thomas Baker and M^r Isaac Peabody are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Trials att the same court voted

The Town agreed to give the Select-men full Power to Call the Constables to an account for not gathering y^e Arears of the Meeting-House Rates and y^e said Select-men are appointed to receive the Said Arears for the use of the Town, viz: the use which y^e said Rates wear made for, and to be delivered to the Committee that Pay'd M^r Tillton: viz: Lieut Baker Lieut Perkins and Sarj^t Redington: and y^e s^d Select-men are Impowered to prosecute against the s^d Constable, for not gathering and bringing in the s^d arears; and The Town will beare them out in all their Lawfull proceedings voted

the Town forgave M^r Capen for what wood he had cut upon y^e Common contrary to the Town order voted

the Town agreed that y^e Select-men should prosecut those that have cut down Wood and Timber upon y^e Town Common contrary to y^e Town order M^r Capen excepted voted

the Town agreed y^t M^r Isaac Peabody should git so much Timber upon Wintrops Hills as is needful to mend his Bridge over his meadow voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Select-men of Wenham May y^e 10th: 1705 William fairfield John Gott & Thomas Kimball are appointed with full Power to Perambulate y^e Line & Renew y^e Bounds, between Wenham and Topsfield: on the 24: Day of May Currant at Ten of y^e Clock in y^e forenoone and to meet at y^e West End of Wenham Casweye if faire wether: but if fould wether; then ye next fair Day per order of y^e Selectmen

Thomas ffiske Cler

May 24th 1705 We whose Names are under Writen being met to gather to Perambulate and renew y^e Bounds, according to the orders of our Towns: and accordingly here Renewed the Heaps of Stones at ye West End of Wenham Causway and the rest of the Bounds as they Stand Entred in our Town Reccords to the River, as Witness our Hands

Thomas Kimball
William ffairfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e 27th: of July: 1705 the Town doth by vote declare that they order M^r Page to go on in his work: on that Ten Acres of Land which the Selectmen lay'd out to him on y^e South Side of the River in the year 1704 the Clay Ground there in reserved by the Town: and a way to come at said Clay: and the Town doth Ingage to Satisfie M^r Page for what he shall Exp- pend in order to his Settlement on said Land. If the Town do not See good to Exchange the said Land with Zacheus Perkins, at the General Town Meeting next March Insuing voted

Sarg^t John Gould is Chosen to Cary a Petition to his Excelency the Governer for y^e Releasment of three souldirs
voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield Septem: 21: 1705 Thomas Dorman Jun^r is chosen to serve on y^e Jury of trialls at Newbury Court next Insuing
voted

Boston Septem^r 26th 1705 Rec^d of M^r Thomas Howlett Constable of Topsfield fifteen Pounds one Shilling & pence in full Rec^d for M^r James Taylor Tresu^r

per Jer Allen

Att a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield Novem^r 21 1705 in answer to Boxford Selectmens notification to our selectmen for Perambulation on the Bounds between our Towns the Town though it not proper to Perambulate where never Bounds were yet settled
voted

The Town agreed to allow M^r Capen; one Pound & 6 shillings for varnishing the Pulpit
voted

[124] Rec^d of John Gould Constable for y^e Town of Topsfield the Sum of Three Pounds Eight Shillings & 4: pence it being in full for y^e County of Essex: for y^e last Assessment;

per John Apleton County Treasurer

Ipswich Decem^r 14th: 1705

Copia vera as attests Samuell Stanley Town Clerk Top^d

Boston Nouem^r 29 1705 Rec^d of M^r John Gould Constable of Topsfield by y^e Hands of M^r Thomas Howlett Thirty Two Pounds Eight Shillings & four pence in part rec^d for James Taylor Treasurer:

per Jer Allene

Topia vera attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Boston Janu^y 23^d 1705 Rec^d of M^r John Gould Consta. of Topsfield Thirty six pounds Eighteen Shillings in part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas^r

per Jer Allene

Copia vera as Attests Sam^{ll} Stanley

Boston June 20th 1706 Recd. of M^r John Gould Consta. of
Topsfield Twenty one Pounds five shillings & nine pence in
part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas^r

per Jer Allene

Boston Septem^r 19th 1706 Rec^d of m^r John Gould Consta.
of Topsfield Twenty one Pounds Thirteen shillings in part
rec^d for m^r James Taylor Tresur^r

per Jer Allene

Boston Janna. 9th 1706-7 Rec^d of m^r John Gould Consta-
ble of Topsfield Twenty Pounds fouer shillings & Eleven
pence rec^d in full for m^r James Taylor Treas^r

per Jer Allene

The Copyes above Entred are true Copyes as Attests Sam-
uel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Rec^d of Ebenezer Averell Constable of Topsfield the Just
Sum of Ninty Seven Pounds fourteen Shillings on the ac-
count of ye first Payment of y^e meeting-House Rate: I say
Received by me Abraham Tilton Dat^d march y^e 21 1704.

Copia vera Attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke for Tops-
field

Rec^d of Nathaniell Averell Constable of Topsfield Seventy
Nine Pounds in money on the account of y^e Second Pay-
ment of ye meeting House Rate I say received by me Abra-
ham Tilton: Dated march y^e 21st 1704

Copia vera attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke for Tops-
field

Rec^d of Const^{ble} Nathaniel Averell of Topsfield upon y^e
account of y^e meeting House Rate which was committed to
him to gather; the Just sum of 21 Pounds in Silver money
at y^e Seventeen peny weight: I say received by me Tobijah
Perkins in behalf of the commitie; Dated y^e 29th April 1706

Copia vera Attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Tops^d

At a Lawfull Towne meeting y^e fift. Day of march 170⁸
Lieut. Ephraim Dorman is Chosen moderator for the Day
voted

At a lawfull Town meeting ye 5th of march 170⁸ Sarg^t Samuells Standly is Chosen Town Clark for this yere enswearing
voted

John Nicholls is chosen Constable for y^e Town on y^e South Side ye River
voted

Thomas Perley is chosen Constable for y^e Town on y^e North Side y^e River
voted

Lieu^t Ephraim Dorman, Sarj^t Daniel Redington, Elisha Perkins, Sarg^t Hovey and Corp^l John Curtis are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Insuing
voted

the Town agreed y^t y^e Selectmen shall draw up a List of all that are Quallified as ye Law directs for voting in choice of Town Officers between this and next march meeting
voted

m^r Timothy Perkins is chosen Grand-Jury man for y^e year insuing
voted

Ephraim Willds is chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Trials next court to be held at Ipswich on y^e last Tusday of this Ins^t March
voted

Isaac Burton, John ffrench Jun^r; John Hovey Jun^r John Cummings are Chosen Surveyers of high wayes for y^e year Insuing
voted

Benjamin Bixby, Isaac Estey and Nathaniel Averell are chosen Tithing-men for the year Insuing
voted

[125] William Town and Zacheus Gould are chosen ffence viewer for y^e year Insuing
voted

The Town agreed y^t y^e Select-men shall Lay out a Way for Beverley men to fetch away their Hay in so as may be convenient for them; and the least prejeditiall to the Proprietors in Topsfield Bounds
voted

The Town agreed that Beverley men shall have Rocks and gravill and old Timber as is all ready down taking it upon y^e Common to make a Casway to bring out their Hay out of their medow near Thomas Towns medow
voted

The Town agreed that Beverley men shall have Rocks to fence their medow that is in our Town Bounds, taking y^e Rocks upon our Town Common
voted

The Town agreed y^t y^e Present Selectmen shall call all y^e Constables to an account: that are behinde in any of all the Rates, that have bin comited to them to gather up
voted

The Town Adjourned The present meeting unto the next Munday following
voted

At a General meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield begun and held the fift Day of march 170⁵ and Adjourned unto y^e next Munday following and then met, and agreed to chuse a commitie and to give them full power to Joyn with Boxford Commitie in Settling a Line between Topsfield and Boxford: and if they cannot agree; to make report to the Town
voted

Lieu^t Ephraim Dorman, m^r Isaac Peabody, Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins are chosen a commitie and have full power to Joyn with a Commitie of Boxford to settle a Divisional Line between Topsfield and Boxford: if they can agree: but if they cannot agree to make report to the the Town
voted

The Town agreed to exchange y^e ten acres of Land or there abouts as y^e Selectmen lay^d out to m^r Page: with Zacheus Perkins; for so much Land (as may be Judg'd by Indifferent men Chosen by the Town and Zacheus Perkins) Joyning to the Town Common and to m^r Capens Causey; allso the s^d Zacheus Perkins doth Binde over the aforesaid Ten acres of Land or there abouts lying near Lieu^t Perkinses Lot to the Town or Proprietors for Secuerity and Indamnifieing of them in the Possession of that Land which they do exchange for; Lying by m^r Capens Causey and Joyning to the Town Common
voted

Cap^t John Gould Lieu^t Baker Lieu^t Perkins and Ephraim Willds Entred ther contrary Decent and John Robinson Entered his contrary Decent to the vote last above written

Thomas Dorman Jun^r is chosen Constable for y^e year Insuing for y^e North of the River: for the Town of Topsfield
voted

The Town agreed and gave Cap^t John Gould and Deacⁿ Samuel Howlett full Power to proceed according to Law for the recovery of the arears of m^r Capens Rates due to him: from any of y^e Inhabitants of Boxford
voted

The Town agreed to exchang about an acre of Land with m^r Timothy Perkins lying on y^e South side of his field in the Swamp: for so much land as shall be Judg'd by Indifferent men to be Equevolent to it: laying it to the common
voted

m^r Isaac Peabody Deacⁿ Sam^{ll} Howlett and Elisha Perkins are Chosen a Comitie to lay out the said Land for m^r Timothy Perkins; and y^e Town
voted

the said Perkins Paying all the charge
voted

Daniel Waters is chosen a surveyer of highwayes for y^e year Insuing
voted

The Town agreed to free all y^e Inhabitants on y^e Southwest Side of Nicholls Brook from highway worke on ye North East Side of said Brook for this year provided they Maintain the Bridge over s^d Nichollses Brook: and the rest of the highwayes and Bridges on that side of y^e s^d Nichollses Brook
voted

The Town agreed to ffence in y^e Burying-Place with a Stone-Wall
voted

The Town agreed that y^e Selectmen lay out what Ground maybe Convenient for the Burying Place
voted

The Town agreed to exchange about half an acre of Land with Michall Dwaniell for so much of his Land; as shall be equevolent thereto: and the same commitie chosen to lay out about an Acre of Land for m^r Timothy Perkins & the Town upon Exchange are a like appointed to lay out the half Acre upon Exchang with sd. Michael Dwaniell and the Town
voted

The Town agreed y^e Town order or By-law which was considered & allowed at a general sessions of ye peace March y^e 30th 1703 holden at Ipswich, shall still continue; untill the Town see cause to Repeal it voted

John Hovey Jun^r Isaac Peabody, Daniel Clarke, Daniel Waters, Joseph Town sen^r; Deac. Thomas Dorman Thomas Doman Jun^r entered their contrary Desents

[126] Samuel Stanley being Chosen clerke for y^e year Insuing was sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of that office by y^e Hon^{ble}: Major Wainwright y^e 8th: day of march 170⁵

Lieut. Ephraim Dorman Sarg^t Daniel Redington Clerk Elisha Perkins sarj^t John Hovey and Corp^l. John Curtis being Selectmen for y^e year Insuing were sworn as: assessors to y^e faithfull discharge of y^t office by me Sam^l Stanley Town Clerke Isaac Burton, John ffrench Jun^r; John Hovey Jun^r. and Daniel Waters being chosen Surveyers of high-ways for the year Insuing were sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of that office by y^e Selectmen

John Nicholls being chosen Constable for ye year Insuing was sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of that office by the selectmen Thomas Dorman Jun^r being chosen constable for ye year Insuing was sworn to ye faithfull discharge of that office by ye Selectmen the Eleaventh Day of Mar^h 170⁵ Benjemen Bixby & Nathaniel Averell being chosen Tithing-men for y^e Year Insuing wear sworn to ye faithfull discharge of y^t office by y^e Selectmen Zacheus Gould being chosen ffence viewer for ye year Insuing was sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of that office by y^e selectmen the 8th Day of Mar^h 170⁵ John Cummings being Chosen Surveyer for ye year Insuing was Sworn to the faithfull Discharg of that office by the Selectmen on y^e: 18; of March: 170⁵ as attests Samuel Stanley Towne Clerke for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of ye Town of Topsfield y^e 7th Day of May 1706 Elisha Perkins is Chosen Representative for the Town: for this year Insuing voted

Lieut Perkins Sarj Daniel Redington and Thomas Howlett are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at y^e Superior Court to be held at Ipswich on y^e 3^d Tuesday of May Inst^t and Deacⁿ Samuel Howlett is chosen to serve on y^e Grand jury at said Court voted

We whose Names are under writen being appointed by the Town to stake out the Buring place accordingly have; and Bounded it begining at m^r Perkins his Ston Wall at y^e South-East Side of his place agoing into his field; Bounded with a Ston by his Wall Side; and from thence to a Great Ston lying near the West Gate of y^e Old meeting-House ffortt: and then to two Stons lying between the White Oak Tree and the Old ffortt: and then to two Stons lying on the Plain: and then to a Stump at the South-East End of the Burying Place: and then to m^r Perkinses ffence. Dated 19th of April 1706

Ephraim Dorman

John Hovey

John Curtis

Elisha Perkins

Daniel Redington

Selectmen of Topsfield

Copia vera as attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clarke for Topsfield

Boston December 1694: Rec^d of m^r Isaac Estey Constable of Topsfield Six Pounds Three Shillings and Nine pence, in full of a Warrant Dated 13th Septem^r; 1694 amounting to Twenty Two Pounds three Shillings and Nine pence I say Rec^d for m^r James Taylor Treasu^r

per Jer: Allene

Boston April 30th 1695: Rec^d of m^r Isaac Estey Constable of Topsfield: by the hand of m^r John Gould ffifty Eight Pounds Eleven shillings & Three pence in full of a Warrant for ffifty Eight pounds Eleven shillings & three pence I say rec^d for m^r James Taylor Treasu^r

per Jer Allene

Wee whose Names are under writen being Chosen by y^e

Town of Salem & y^e Town of Topsfield: to Perambulate & Renew the Line between Salem and Topsfield; Wee have accordingly met and in behalf of Each Town owned Renewed a Red Oak Tree with a Heap of Stones at it; commonly called crumwells Rock near y^e River: from thence to a Heap of Stones between three White Oak Trees: by a great Assh Swamp; then to a Heap of Stones near Nichollses Brook; then to Dry Tree [127] marked With a Heap of Stones at it near the Head of Smiths medow; then to a Crooked Black Oak Tree near Wheell Brook; and then to a White oak Tree with stones at it near Wenham Causey

Dat^d 22^d of April 1706

for Topsfield

Ephraim Dorman sen^r

John Curtis

Elisha Perkins

for Salem

Edward Putnam

John Putnam Jun^r

Daniel Andrews

Copia vera as attests Samuel Stanley Topsfield Town Clerke

We whose Names are under writen being Chosen by our respective Towns to Perambulate on y^e Bounds between our Towns; Have accordingly met and owned & renewed the Bounds between Ipswich & Topsfield; begining at a Aple Tree in L^t Thomas Perleys field with an Heap of Stones about it & so to a Black oak Tree marked with Stones about it; and from thence to a white Oak Tree marked with Stones about it upon an Hill some Rods from the Pond commonly called M^r Bakers Pond; and then as y^e Pond runs to a Marked Tree a white oak with an Heap of Stones about it; at y^e South-East corner of y^e said Pond next Daniel ffosters: and then by y^e former marked Trees with Heaps of Stones about them till it comes to m^r Symo[n]dses farm so-called: and then by said farm till it comes to a Stak by or near a Spring near M^r Winthrops Corner in y^e medow; & from s^d stake on a Straight Line about two Rods & on half off of Edward Nealands House to a stake with an Heap of Stones about it on the side of an Hill; called Pains Hill; and from s^d Stake and Stones Westerly; to a stake and Heap of stones about it near the Brook that runns to Corp^l Howletts House: and then as the s^d Brook runns into Ipswich River

for Topsfield

John Hovey

Samuel Stanley

John Gould J^r

for Ipswich

Robert Lord

William Howlett

Nathaniel Hart

John Pengry

Dat^d May 29th 1706 Copia vera Attests Samuel Stanley
Clerke for Topsfield

We whose Names are under writen being Chosen by y^e Town to lay out to Mr Timothy Perkins about an Acre of Land lying on y^e South Side of his Land commonly called y^e meeting House Lot. Bounded as followeth on a Straight [line] from y^e corner of his fence to a stake in y^e side of y^e Swamp by y^e Hillside; the Breadth is Eight Rod; and from the Corner Stake upon a Straight line Northwest Thurtly five Rods: to a White Oak Stump Standing in his own fence: and the above said M^r Timothy Perkins hath lay'd down out of Zacheus Perkinses Land; and by his order; the Bounds as followeth: begining at y^e North corner Bounded with two Popler Trees with a Stake between them: and from thence Southerly Six Rod to a Stake and Heap of Stones: and from thence South and by East to a Wallnut Tree the length of y^e Line Sixty-three Rod.

Isaac Peabody

Elisha Perkins

Samuel Howlett

Dat^d 28th March: 1706 Copia vera Attested by Sam^{ll}
Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Att a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield 16th of Septem^r 1706 John Cummings is chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Trials at Newbury court to be holden on ye last Tuesday of this Instant Sep^r 1706 voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e 22^d Day of October, 1706 the Town agreed to Stand by our Town Constables in recovering of y^e Rates of the Dwellers upon M^r Endicotts farm voted

At a Lawfull meeting of ye Town of Topsfield y^e 15th of Novem^r 1706 the Town agreed to chuse a comitie to Draw

up a petition to send to the General Court to End the Differences between Topsfield and Boxford voted

Lieut. Thomas Baker; Capt. John Gould, Lieut Tobijah Perkins and Lieut Ephraim Dorman are chosen the committee to draw up the Petition afore^{sd} voted

[128] At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield ye 25th of Novem^r 1706 the Town agreed and chose abraham How of Ipswich to Joyn with a man as Zacheus Perkins shall chuse to Lay out the Land as the Town have agreed to Exchange with y^e s^d Zacheus Perkins and if those two Men cannot agree s^d two men are to chuse a third man voted

The Town ag[r]eed & chose Daniel Clarke there agent to go to Salem Court to answer the writ Lay^d upon the Selectmen by the committee viz: Lt: Thomas Baker; Lt. Tobijah Perkins & Daniel Redington voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield the Tenth Day of January 1706-7; Mr Isaac Peabody is chosen Moderator for the Meeting voted

The Town agreed to chuse a committee to discours ye committee concerned with y^e Meeting House Rate and to make report to ye Town of what Termes they will agree upon voted

Lieut Ephraim Dorman Deacⁿ Samuel Howlett, and Elisha Perkins are chosen to be the committee above said voted

The Town agreed that ye Selectmen shall prosecute the constables for not doing their Duty in gathering the Rates committed to them to gather voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield 21st of Janu^r 1706; M^r Isaac Peabody is chosen Moderator for that meeting voted

the Town agreed to allow the Meeting House committee viz—M^r Thomas Baker Lieut Tobijah Perkins and Sarg^t Daniel Redington Eleaven Pounds and Eight shillings & six pence which is in full of what they wear to have for building

the New Meeting House and Court Charges and the said Eleaven pounds Eight Shillings and six pence is to be Levvyed in a Rate to Defray Town charge voted

At a Lawfull and Generall meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e fourth Day of March 1706-7 Lieut Tobijah Perkins is chosen Moderator for ye Day voted

Samuel Stanley is chosen Town Clerke for y^e year Insuing voted

Thomas Perley and Micheal Dwaniel are Chosen Constables for y^e year Insuing voted

Deac: Samuel Howlett, Ebenezer Averill Thomas Howlett corp^l Joseph Town and Samuel Stanley are chosen Select-men for y^e year Insuing voted

John Hovey Jun^r is chosen to serve on y^e grand-Jury at Ipswich court next Insuing & for the year voted

John ffrench is Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of trials at ye said court voted

Daniel Clarke, Nathaniel Borman and Thomas Town are chosen Surveyers of Highwayes for the year Insuing voted

Mr Thomas Baker Sarj^t Daniel Redington & Thomas Gould & Isaac Estey are chosen tything-men for the year Insuing voted

Sarj^t John Averel, Joseph Borman & Amos Dorman are Chosen ffence viewers for the year Insuing voted

The Town granted unto William Averell half an acre of Land some where where a commitie shall be ordered by y^e Town to lay it out for him y^e s^d Averill Duering his and his Wifes life time: and y^e s^d William Averell is hereby oblidged to Sweep ye Meeting-House and to dige Graves to be pay^d for his work voted

The Meeting is Adjorned to y^e Day following next voted

At a Lawfull General Town Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield by adjornment from y^e 4th of March

1706-7 to y^e Day Instant then met and agreed y^t William Averell shall have half an Acre of Land lay^d out to him upon y^e common some where near among the Hills to y^e Norwest of y^e Meeting-House where a committee chosen to lay it out shall [129] think convenient, for him the said Averell & his Wife duering their Life time voted

The Town agreed that Cap^t John Gould & Sargt. John Hovey shall be y^e committee to lay out the above mentioned Land for William Averell voted

the Town doth agree that William Averell shall have the benefit of y^e frute of y^e parsonage orchard till the Town have occasion for it and y^e said Averell is not to ffence the said orchard voted

The Town agreed and chosen Samuel Stanley to be School Master for the Town for the year Insuing voted

The Town agreed to clame cap^t Goulds farm of Three Hundred [acres] according to the true Bounds of it as it was lay'd out by the lot layers as Township to Topsfield voted

and the Town agreed and Chose M^r Isaac Peabody; William Town and Sarg^t John Gould to be a committee to renew and Settle Bounds between the common and y^e lots on both sids of the River voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Selectmen Ensign Sam^l Howlett and Sam^l Stanley are chosen to lay out a way through the Land of Zacheus Perkins for Zacheus Gould and Eliezer Lake and Nathaniel Wood

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Selectmen on y^e 4th & on y^e fifth Day of March 1706-7 all the Town officers chosen for the year Insuing Except Baker were sworn to the faithfull discharg of Every one his Respective office by y^e Selectmen and Town Clerke as Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

We whose Names are under written being appointed & Impowered by y^e Selectmen to lay out a way through the land of Zacheus perkins accordingly we have don it; and have

lay'd out a way from y^e lift in y^e fence between Zach-
 eus Perkinses land & Henry Lakes Land as y^e path now
 gose till it comes to s^d Perkinses fence & then straight as y^e
 fence & stone wall gose to y^e Brook and so straight over y^e
 Brook to y^e lift where Zacheus Perkins goes out of his own
 Land

Samuel Howlett
 Samuel Stanley

Rec^d of Isaac Estey as constable for Topsfield and to col-
 lect of y^e Inhabitants said Town: what was coming to me on
 account of Rates for y^e year 1694 I say Rec^d or Excepted
 as if actually received; the full of what was comited to him
 to colect as aforesaid—per me Joseph Capen this 7th Day of
 May or before 1706

January 10th 170^s: I had then received of Ebenezer Aver-
 ell as constable of Topsfield for y^e year 1701 & appointed to
 colect the Rates for y^e ministry for said year I say received
 then or before: the full of what was coming to me from
 said Town & for y^e year aforesaid—per me Joseph Capen

Whose Names are under writen being chosen by y^e Town
 to lay out to Micheal Dwaniell about halfe an Acre of land
 out of y^e Town Common by way of Exchang accordingly we
 have don it: Bounds are as followeth; the Bounds of y^e
 Land to Micheal Dwaniell from y^e old ancient Bounds seven
 Rods in breadth and Eleaven Rods and Six foot in length
 with four stakes at each corner with Stones at them. the
 Bounds of y^e land which we had of Micheal Dwaniell are as
 followeth from y^e white oak Southward Seven Rods & three
 foot to a stake by y^e fence side: and Eastwardly Rods
 Eleven; and Northerly Eleven Rods and an half to a stake
 with stones about it; and westerly to a White Oak Tree Nine
 Rods and an half

Dat^d y^e 28th of March 1706

Samuel Howlett
 Elisha Perkins
 Isaac Peabody

The three Copyes last above entred are true copyes as At-
 tests Sam^{ll} Stanley Clerke for Topsfield

Boston Decem^r 4th 1705 Rec^d of M^r Jacob Town Constable of Topsfield by y^e hand of M^r Elisha Perkins Twelve Pounds & Ten Shillings in part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas^r per Jer Allene

Boston Janu^y 23 1705 Rec^d of M^r Jacob Town Constable of Topsfield by y^e hand of M^r John Gould six pounds sixteen shillings & six pence in part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas^r per Jer Allene

The two last Copyes above Entred are true Copyes as Attests: Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

[130] Boston June 11th 1706 Rec^d of M^r Jacob Town Constable of Topsfield by y^e hands of M^r Elisha [Perkins] ffourteen Pounds two shillings & nine part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas^r. per Jer Allene

Boston Decem^r 3^d 1706 Rec^d of Mr Jacob Town Constable of Topsfield by y^e hands of M^r Joshua Town Seven Pounds Seven Shillings in part rec^d M^r James Taylor Treas^r. per Jer Allene

The two Copyes above entred are true Copyes as Attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerk Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield 22 of April 1707 the Town agreed and chose M^r Thomas Baker M^r Isaac Peabody to go to y^e Hon^d General Court; to manage the Towns Petition for the settelling of our Town Bounds Between Topsfield & Boxford voted

Cap^t John Gould is chosen to Joyn with y^e above s^d Baker & Peabody to manage the afores^d Petition voted

Whereas y^e selectmen did on y^e fifth Day of March 1706 or 7: order a way to be lay^d out through y^e Land of Zacheus Perkins; which way was accordingly lay^d out, but Zacheus Perkins being very obstinate in the matter; and y^e Selectmen not willing to do that which would bring great Charge upon y^e Town; Have lay'd the above mentioned Way in another place; viz: where Zacheus Perk[i]ns was not only ffree that it should be; but did promise to make the causey

upon his own cost from the side of y^e Brook to y^e upland on y^e West side of said Brook. The way is lay'd out as followeth; begining at y^e Road where the Line runs between Zacheus Perkinses Land & John Robinsons Land: and their as the sd. Line doth run; have lay'd out the afore mentioned way upon Zacheus Perkinses Land till it comes up y^e Hill about five or six Rods and then turns of to y^e right as it is staked out to Zacheus Perkinses fence: and when throu s^d Perkinses fence; doth turn of to y^e right; upon y^e Land of Widow Hannah Clarke and Henry Lake as it is staked out to y^e way whic[h] comes down Billins-gate Hill from Henry Lakes to Zacheus Perkinses fence

Dat^d 22^d April 1707

Samuel Howlett
Joseph Town Jun^r
Ebenezer Averell
Thomas Howlett
Sam^l Stanley
Selectmen of Topsfield

Copia vera as attests Sam^l Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield.

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield y^e 9th Day of May 1707 M^r Isaac Peabody is chosen Representitive for y^e year Insuing voted

The Town have chosen Lieu^t Thomas Baker & M^r Isaac Peabod[y] to be Attorneys in behalfe of our Town; with full Power to manage our late Petition to y^e Hon^d General Court for a Rehearing of the case Depending between Boxford and Topsfield; and allso to desier and chuse an Attorney or Attorneys to assist them if they see cause and the Town will Bear their charge voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e 19th of May 1707 Thomas Perkins & John Robinson are chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury at y^e Superiour Court to be held at Ipswich on May y^e 20th Inst.^t and Daniel Clarke; Timothy Perkins: and John Averill are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of tryals at y^e Same Court voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield: 1: Day of

July 1707. The Town agreed & chose Cap^t John How; L^t Tobijah Perkins; Nathaniel Averel; Ebenezer Averell and Jacob Town to Joyn with our comitee allready chose to manage our Towns case with Boxford: before y^e comitee Chosen by the Hon^d General Court; to come to Topsfield and Boxford: to take a view of the Lines between the said Towns

voted

[131] The Town agreed that Cap^t John How shall provide Entertainment for the comitee chosen by y^e General Court for y^e purpose aforesaid

voted

To the Selectmen of Topsfield Gentlemen

We do unanimously agree that in case Daniel Waters will take care of his Mother Waters and maintain her suteably as she is his mother; and according to his fathers agreement in providing for her: then we y^e subscribers do Ingage that duering the time & terme of her life provided y^t he y^e s^d Waters provides for his mother as a boves^d we will free him from being Imprest into Her maj^{ties} service provided the said Waters frees the town from all or any charge improviding for her

Dat^d 14th Octo: 1707

Sign^d sealed & delivered
in presence of us

Daniel Redington

William Smith

his

Zacheus Z Perkins

mark

John Gould Cap^t

Ephraim Dorman Lieu^t

Samuel Howlett Ensign

Copia vera as Attests Samuel Standley Town Clerke for
Topsfield

Know all men that I Daniel Waters of Topsfield in y^e county of Essex do oblidge my selfe & all my Estate to y^e selectmen of Topsfield: to take my mother in Law Waters into my care & keeping: and to clear the Town from any furder charg or trouble about her: duering her life; upon those conditions that I received of the Selectmen

Dat^d 14th Octo 1707

Daniel Waters

Sign^d Sealed & delivered in presence of us

Daniel Redington
William Smith
his
Zacheus Z Perkins
mark

Copy vera as Attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for
Topsfield

Boston Decem^r 11th 1706 Rec^d of M^r John Nickolls Con-
sta: of Topsfield Seventeen Pounds in part received for M^r
James Taylor Treasurer per John Wheelwright

Boston ffeb^r 19th 1706 Rec^d of M^r John Nickolls Consta.
of Topsfield by M^r Elisha Perkins Six Pounds Eight & Six
pence in part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas^r per Jer Al-
lene

Boston June 11th 1707 Rec^d of M^r John Nickolls Consta:
of Topsfield fifteen Pounds six shillings and six pence in
part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treasurer per Jer Allene

Boston Nov^r 14th 1707 Rec^d of M^r John Nickolls Consta.
of Topsfield seven Pounds & five shillings in full rec^d for
M^r James Taylor Treasurer per John Wheelwright

The four Copyes last above Entred are true Copyes as
Attests Sam^l Stanley Clerk

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield December
17th 1707 Capt John Hows Bill of charge for Entertaining y^e
Commity was allowed: which was one Pound one shilling
voted

Lieu^t Baker was allowed nine shillings for three Dayes at Boston as the Townes attorney against Boxford voted

Elisha Perkins his Bill of charg was allowed w^{ch} was one Pound one shilling for Sweeping y^e Meeting House & for taking out a Reccord at Boston & for making Hasps for y^e meeting House Windows voted

Corpⁿ Jacob Town was allowed Six Shillings; which he
could not recouer of weaver John Putnams Rate when He was
Constable
voted

Samuel Perley sen^r had liberty granted him to make a fire in our watch House on Saboth Dayes at noontime so long as y^e Town sees cause voted

[132] Boston Octo^r 1st 1707 Rec^d of M^r Thomas Perley Consta: of Topsfield five Pounds fourteen shillings and one penny in full rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treasu^r per Jer. Allene

Copia vera attests Sam^l Stanley Town Clerke

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e 28th of Jan^y 1707 or 8 L^t Tobijah Perkins is chosen commissioner to cary in y^e Towns Estate to the Shire Town voted

The Town chose y^e present Selectmen to be Trustees to Joyn with the afore s^d commissioner to assess the Towns Estate voted

the Town agreed to give m^r Capen two Contributions in a year for his Incouragement to Preach Lectures, the contributions to be on Saboth Dayes voted

At a Lawfull & General Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on the second Day of March 1707 or 8 Deac. Samuel Howlett is chosen Moderator for s^d Day voted

Samuel Stanley is chosen Town Clerke for y^e year Insuing voted

John ffrench and Amos Dorman are chosen constables for y^e year Insuing voted

L^t Tobijah Perkins; Corp^l Jacob Town; Ebenezer Averell; Isaac Estey and Samuel Stanley are chosen Selectmen for the year Insuing voted

Thomas Perkins; Thomas Robinson and John Averell are chosen Surveyers of highwayes for the year Insuing voted

Cap^t John How and Clerk Elisha Perkins are ffence viewers for y^e year Insuing voted

Joseph Borman; John Cummings & Job Averell are tithing[men] for y^e year Insuing voted

the Town agreed to leave it to y^e Selectmen to give Ips-
 which farms men an answer to there petition concerning Seats
 in y^e Meeting House voted

the Town agreed to sell John Prichitt Jun^r half an Acre of
 Land on y^e North Side of Ipswich Road a littell above his
 shop voted

the Town agreed & chose L^t Ephraim Dorman & Sarj^t
 John Hovey to lay out y^e above mentioned land voted

the Town agreed to adjoyrn the meeting to ye next frie
 Day comsevenight voted

We whose Names are under Writon being appointed by
 the Selectmen to measur the Land which the Town is to
 have of Zacheus Perkins; in lue of so much Land on the
 South Side of the River as Shall be Judged aquivalent; the
 Town and Zacheus Perkins having made an Exchang; have
 Measured the Said Land and the Bounds of it are as follow-
 eth; begining at a Walnut Tree at the Sout[h] East Cor-
 ner of y^e said Land and so running Westwardly to a heap of
 Stons in Daniel Clarkes Line; and so by Daniel Clarkes
 Line to a popler Tree Standing in a gutter in the fence;
 and from thence by the Town Common to the Wallnut Tree
 f[i]rst mentioned the which by Measur Eleaven Acres and
 Twenty two Rods

Joseph Town
 Samuel Stanley

We whose Names are under Writon being Mutaly Chosen
 by the Town of Topsfield and Zachus Perkins; that is to say
 Abraham How for Topsfield and Henry Wilkins for Zacheus
 Perkins to view & Determin the difference between the above
 mentioned piece of Land which the Said Perkins has lay'd
 Down to the Town: and the Land which the Town gives to
 y^e said Perkins in lue of it on the South Side of y^e River
 Joyning to Lieu^t Perkinses Lot and Wenham Meadows
 which accordingly on the 16th Day of feb^r 1707 or 8 have met
 and viewed and valued both pieces of Land above mention-
 ed; and have Determined that the said Perkins shall have
 Thirteen Acres of the said Land on the South Side of y^e

River for the Land he has lay^d down to the Town on the North Side of y^e River provided that the way to come at the Clay ground may be at the South End of y^e Said Clay ground and so to the Common and this is our award and Determination as witness our Hands

Abraham How

his

Henry **H** Wilkins
mark

A true copy Attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield by adjournment from y^e second Day of March 1707 or 8 to twelveth Day Currant, and then met chose Cap^t John How and L^t Ephraim Dorman to Serve on y^e Jury of trials at Ipswich Court next Insuing and Elisha Perkins to be Grand Jury Man for y^e year Insuing voted

the Town agreed that a Cartway shall be left between wenham medow and Thomas Townses medow; and that Land which Zacheus Perkins hath of the Town upon exchange on y^e South side of y^e River voted

the Town granted Liberty to some young Women in y^e Town to make a hinde seat in ye East Gallerie; the town reserving their right in y^e Meeting Hous voted

the Town granted and agreed that persons belonging to the Town shall have liberty to fall wood and Timber according as they need it; provided they carry away the Tops of what they fall as well as the Bodies voted

the Town agreed that no man in the Town shall sell or cary out of Town any Wood or Timber or Bark taking it upon our Town Common on the penalty of five Pounds per load voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e selectmen 12th Day of March 170⁸ Thomas Perkins; Thomas Robinson & John Averell toke y^e oath of surveyers of highwayes: and Capt John How & Elisha Perkins took y^e oath of fence viewers and John ffrench and Amos Dorman took y^e Oath of Constables

all Sworn by and before the Selectmen and Town Clerke;
Entred by order of ye selectmen

Samuel Stanley Clerke

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e 4th of May 1708 Deac. Thomas Dorman & L^t Tobijah Perkins are Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury at y^e Superiour Court to be holden at Ipswich on the Eighteenth Day of May Insta^t and Lt Thomas Baker M^r Timothy Perkins & Corp^l Ephraim Willds are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at y^e Court afore^{sd} voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e 14th of May 1708. Lieu^t Thomas Baker is Chosen Representative for y^e year Insuing voted

the Town granted M^r Capen liberty to Improve y^e Watch House so far as the Town hath Intrest in it voted

secondly the Town granted M^r Capen liberty to make a place in y^e Watch to let in more Light for his conveniency to work by voted

[133] Wee whose Names are under writen being appointed by y^e Selectmen to lay out a highway from the Bridg over y^e River by Edward Putnams to John Nickolsis and from thence to Thomas Robinsons; accordingly we have lay'd out y^e said way from: Thomas Robinsons as the Cart way now goes to John Nickolsis house; and from John Nickolsis House as y^e way now goes along by John Burtons House; and so along as the Cartway now goes; half the way to be vpon the Land of M^r Cheeversis: and halfe s^d way upon y^e Land of Thomas Robinsons till it comes so far as the way goes upon their Land: and so along as the way now goes to Phillip Knights House; and so on as the Cartway now goes till it comes to y^e River by or beyond Edward Putnams House

Samuel Stanley
Joseph Town

Dat 3 May 1707 or 8

Copia vera as attests Sam^l Stanley Town Clerke

Rec^d of Sarj^t John Gould y^e full sum committed to him to

colect for my vse & for the year 1705. it being 39 Pounds pay: and 15 pounds 10 shillings money: I say recei^d the full Sum above said per me Joseph Capen

A true Copy as Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Cler.

Dat^d 20th July 1708

Boston January 9th 1706 Rec^d of M^r Jacob Town Consta: of Topsfield by M^r John Gould Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & Nine pence in full rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treasurer per Jer Allene

A true Copy as Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Cler. for Topsfield

Boston Septem^r 18th 1708 Rec^d of M^r Thomas Perley Consta: of Topsfield Nine Pounds sixteen shillings & three pence in full received for M^r James Taylor Treasu^r per Jer Allene

Copia vera as Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Cler. for Topsfield

Boston 3^d 1708 Rec^d of M^r Michael Dwaniell Consta. of Topsfield Three Pounds and Ten Shillings in full rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treasurer per Jer Allene

Rec^d of M^r Thomas Perley Constable of Topsfield for y^e year 1706 the full of y^e Rate in pay and money; that is that part of y^e Rate Committed to him to gather for y^e use of y^e ministry in Topsfield for s^d year. I say rec^d by me Joseph Capen

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on the first Day of March 1708 being there General Meeting Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen Moderator for y^e Day
voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Insuing
voted

John Hovey Jun^r & Joseph Town Tersus are Chosen Constables for y^e year Insuing
voted

L^t Tobijah Perkins; Corp^l Joseph Town; Lt. Ephraim

Dorman: Thomas Howlett and Samuel Stanley are chosen
Selectmen for the year Insuing voted

Joshua Town: Nathaniel Porter and Jesse Dorman are
chosen Surveyers of highways for the year Insuing voted

Sarj^t John Averell and Corp^l Ephraim Willds are Chosen
ffence viewers for the year Insuing voted

Sarj^t John Gould; Timothy Perkins Jun^r and John Curtis
Jun^r are chosen Tithing men for the year Insuing voted

William Town is chosen Grand Jury man for y^e year Insu-
ing voted

Sarj^t John Hovey and Michael Dwaniel Jun^r are chosen to
serve on the Jury of Trials at Ipswich Court next Insuing
voted

Samuel Stanley sen^r is Chosen School Master for the year
Insuing voted

Benjemen Bixby is Chosen to Dig Graves in y^e Town &
to have three shillings and six pence per Grave for all above
four foot long: and two shillings for all under four foot long
voted

Thomas Dwaniel and William Hobs are Chosen Hawards
or field drivers for the year Insuing voted

the Town agreed to lay a restriction upon Cuting of wood
and timber upon our Town Common voted

[134] and the restriction is as followeth: viz that no Tree
or Pole under a foot over shall be Cut down upon our Town
Common on penalty of Ten Shillings per Tree or Pole: and
also that no Tree or Trees above a foot over shall be cut
d[own] upon said Common under the penalty of Twenty
Shillings per Tree voted

Mr Isaac Peabody; Corp^l Daniel Clarke; Phillip Knight
and Isaac Eastey Jun^r Enter there Contrryrary desent

y^e 1st Day of March 1708-9 Sarj^t Gould; Timothy Per-
kins Jun^r & John Curtis Jun^r being chosen tithing-men for

the year Insuing were Sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of that office by y^e Town Clarke & y^e SelectMen on y^e above s^d Day as Attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke for Tops^d and John Hovey Jun^r and Joseph Town Tersus being chosen Constables for y^e Town of Topsfield for y^e year Insuing were sworn to the faithfull discharge of that Office on y^e above s^d 1st day of March by y^e Town Clerke & SelectMen as Attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke for Tops^d and Nathaniel Porter; Jesse Dorman and Joshua Town being chosen surveyers of high Wayes were sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of that office by the Select Men. Entred per me Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke and John Averel and Corp^{ll} Ephraim Willds took y^e oath of fence viewers Entered per me Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Tops^d

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e 22^d Day of April 1709 L^t Tobij[a]h Perkins is Representative Chosen for y^e year Insuing voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on the 3^d Day of May 1709 Thomas Perkins sen^r and Elisha Perkins are Chosen to serve on the Grand-Jury at Ipswich Superiour Court to be held on y^e 3^d tuesDay of May Instant. voted

and Deac. Samuel Howlett, Sarj^t Daniel Redington & Ebenezer Averell are Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at y^e afores^d Court voted

At a Meeting of y^e Selectmen May: 9th 1709: Sarj^t John Batchelder & Sam^{ll} ffisk Jun^r and William Rogers or any two of them are Chosen & appointed & Impowred to Meet with such as shall be appointed by the Selectmen of Topsfield to perambulate the Bound line between our Towns of Topsfield and Wenham: and to meet at the westerly End of Causway on y^e 9th day of may Instant at: 9; of y^e Clock in y^e morning by order of the Selectmen of Wenham

William fairfield Town Clerke

We whose Names are under writen being appointed & Impowred to renew bounds between Wenham and Topsfield being met and have renewed the Bounds

may the 9th 1709

John Batchelder
William Rogers

Copia vera as Attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Cler.

At a lawfull meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield it being their General Town Meeting on y^e first Day of march 1708-9: the Town agreed to lay a restriction upon y^e Cuting of Wood and Timber upon our Town Common
voted

the restriction is as followeth: viz: that no Tree or Pole under a foot over shall be cut down upon our Town Common under y^e penalty of Ten Shillings per Tree or Pole: and also that no Tree or Trees above a foot over shall be Cut down upon said Common under the penalty of Twente Shillings per Tree
voted

this is a true Copy as it stands Entred in Topsfield Records as Attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Essex. fs. Att a General Sessions of y^e peace holden at Ipswich march 29, 1709 the above By-Laws were Read Considered allowe[d] and confirmed

Attest Stephen Sewall Cler.

We whose Names are under writen Being Chosen by y^e Towne of Salem & Topsfield to perambulate y^e Bounds between s^d Towns have accordingly owned and renewed them unto a red oak Tree with a heap of Stones at it commonly called or known to be by crumwells Rock and from thence to a heap of stons between three white oke Trees by a great Ash Swamp; then to a heap of stons near Nickolsis Brook then to a dry Tree fallen down with a heap of stons near Nickolsis Brook then to a dry Tree fallen down with a heap of stons at it; near the head of Smiths medow; then to a crotched Black Oak Tree Near [135] Wheell Brook and thence to a white oak Tree with Stons at it near Wenham highway.

Dated April Eighteenth Day 1709

for Topsfield

John How

Ephraim []

Tobijah Perkins

for Salem

Peter Osgood

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Wee whose Names are hereunto Subscribed; being appointed by Ipswich and Topsfield for Perambulation on y^e Bounds between said towns Respectively; have mett the twenty fifth of this Instant & have Renewed y^e Bounds as followeth; beginning att the Apple Tree in L^t Thomas Perleys field; thence to a Black Oak Tree with Stons at it thence to a whitt oak Tree marked with Stons at it; near y^e Pond called M^r Bakers Pond so on a straight Line to y^e Pond; thence as y^e Pond runs to a White oak Tree marked with Stons at it; at y^e South East corner of s^d pond next ffosters; thence to a Black oak-Tree wth Stons at it; nex[t] to a wallnut Tree wth Stons at it; thence to Crotched Red oak tree wth Stons in y^e crotch; next to a Red oak tree wth Stones at it; next to an olde white oak tree in Jacob ffosters field; and so on a Straight Line to M^r Symonss farm so called; and then s^d farme to be y^e Bound till it comes to a stake by or near a Spring near y^e corner of M^r Winthrops farme in a Meadow from thence to a stake & stons at it; on y^e Side of M^r Pains Hill so called: then from s^d Stake westwardly to a Stake & Heap of Stons; and so on a line to y^e Brook that runs to William Howletts Hous then as y^e Brook Runs into Ipswich River.

Ipswich Men

William Howlett

Nathaniel Hart

Phillip ffowler

May 25th 1709

Topsfield Men

Samuel Howlett

Thomas Perley

Copia vera as Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

This 6th of October 1709 we whose Names are Subscribed; have according as we were Impowered by y^e Selectmen; lay'd out a highway for our Town to y^e Clay Pites: and allso for Beverley and Wenham Men to cary ther Hay according to our Town order; begining at the Medow by Thomas Townses so by the fence on y^e left hand and a white oak on the righthand Marked: and so on between the fence & a Black oak marked and so on between Thomas Townes fence on y^e left

hand: and Zacheus Perkins his fence on the right hand: and so upon a Ridg to a white oak marked on the left; and still on y^e Ridg about Tenn Rods; and then leveing y^e Ridg on the right hand: and a swamp on y^e left till it comes to two white oaks Marked one on the Right hand the other on the left: and so to the Clay-Pites; and so on leaving y^e Clay Pites on the left hand; and so through Zacheus Perkins fence to two White Oaks marked on Each Side; and y^e meadow on the left hand untill it come to two Blacke Oaks marked on Each side of y^a way: and so into a usall Cartways from Wenham Meadows to a White Oak Tree and a Black Oak Tree marked on Each side y^e highway; and so along the Cartway to Wenham Causway so Called

John How
Tobijah Perkins
Ephraim Dorman

Copia vera as Attests Samuel Stanley Towne Clerke for
Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e thirteenth Day of December 1709 the Town allowed Nathaniel Averell the money that was Due from M^r Endicotts farm to y^e Town for y^e time s^d Averell was Constable voted

Topsfield June y^e third 1706 At a lawfull Meeting of y^e SelectMen; then appointed and Chose Corpⁿ John Curtis; Sarj^t Daniel Redington and Elisha Perkins to go & lay out the way for Beverley Men from Wenham Land near the Causey to y^e Meadow near Thomas Townses

a true copy Entred per	Elisha Perkins in y ^e name
Sam ^l Sanley Town Cler.	of y ^e rest of y ^e Selectmen of
Dat ^d Decem ^r 14 th 1709	Topsfield

We whose Names are under writen; being Chosen to lay out a way for Beverley Men from Wenham land near y^e Casey to ye meadow near Thomas Townses; have met this first day of July 1706 & have lay'd out y^e way two Rods wide: begining at y^e meadow; the first are Stakes with Stons at them on Either side y^e way; and y^e way is y^e plane beaten Roade up the first Hill with Trees marked; and then turning to y^e right with trees marked till it comes

to y^e great Hill ; and then y^e plain path till it comes to Wenham Land ; with Trees marked all the way.

this is a true copy Entred

per Sam^{ll} Stanley Town

Cler.

Dat^d Decem^r 14th 1709

John Curtis

Daniel Redington

Elisha Perkins

[136] Rec^d of Consta^{ble} Perkins ; Consta : Timothy Perkins ; who was Constable for the year 1695 I say Received of him this 20th Day of y^e 10th month 1709 M^r Endicotts Rates ; in pay & money for y^e above s^d year, which was 16 shillings pay and 5 shillings money I owing said Perkins for Bricks ; he accepting so much as Payed by me Joseph Capen

Accepted of Consta^{ble} Nathaniel Averell the full of whot he was to colect as Constable for y^e year 1702 there being about Twenty shillings behinde to be colected by him ; which on his word to see it done to my Satisfaction I have accepted it as allready done ; I say accepted it as in full for that year this 20th Day of y^e 10th month 1709 by me Joseph Capen

Boston Novem^r 21st 1709 Rec^d of John ffrench Consta. of Topsfield Eighteen pounds five shillings & Tenn pence in full rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treasurer per Jn^o Whellwright

may 14th 1709 then or before Received of Constable Thomas Howlett the full of what was Committed to him to gather for y^e use of y^e ministry in Topsfield for y^e Year 1704 I say received by me then or before the full both in pay or money per me Joseph Capen

A true Copy as Attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

Rec^d of Corp^{ll} Joseph Town as constable for y^e year 1697 ye full of Rates wear committed to him to colect for my use I say rec'd in full this 17th day of September 1707-8 [*sic*] then or before me Joseph Capen

Copia vera Attests Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke

Att a Lawfull & General meeting of the Town of Tops-

field on ye seventh Day of march one Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine or Ten Deac: Samuel Howlett is chosen moderator for ye Day voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerke for y^e year Insuing voted

Thomas Robinson & Zacheus Gould are chosen Contables for the year Insuing voted

Clerke Elisha Perk[i]ns Jacob Town Ebenezer Averell John Curtis and Samuel Stanley are chosen Select men for ye year Insuing voted

John Prichitt; John Burton and Jacob Robinson are chosen Surveyers of high-ways for y^e year Insuing; voted

Jacob Estey and John Town are chosen ffence-viewers for the year Insuing voted

Lieu^t Ephraim Dorman: Thomas Howlett and John french are chosen Tything[men] for the year Insuing voted

Zacheus Perkin[s] and John Dwaniel are chosen field Drivers for y^e year Insuing voted

Isaac Estey is chosen to serue on y^e Grand Jury for ye year Insuing voted

Corp^l Joseph Town and Joseph Gould are chosen to Serve on y^e Jury of trials at next Cour[t] to be holden at Ipswich next after y^e date hereof

The above named Town Officers wear all sworn to ye fathfull discharge thier respective offices by the Select men on y^e above s^d 7th Day of march 1709 or 10 as attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e Ninth Day may 1710 Capt John How and Decⁿ Thomas Dorman are Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at the next Superiour Court to be holden at Ipswich on y^e third TuesDay of May Ins^t voted

And Sarj^t Daniel Clarke, Thomas Howlett and Nathaniel

Averell are chosen to serve on y^e Jury of trials at y^e above
s^d Court voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e 13th
of Septem^r 1710 Phillip Knight is chosen to serve on y^e Jury
of trials at Newbury Court voted

Rec^d of John Hovey former Constable ye sum of foure
Pounds and one shilling of y^e accou^t of y^e county Rate for
y^e Town of Topsfield it being in full for their proportion
per John Appleton County Treas

Ipswh Sep^t 7, 1710

Copia vera Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Clerk for Tops

[137] Boston Novem^r 14th 1710 Rec^d of M^r John Hovey
Consta^l of Topsfield Sixteen Pounds seven shillings & five
pence in full rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas per John Wheel-
wright

Copia vera Attest Sam^l Stanley Town Clerke for Tops-
field.

Boston Novem^r 28th 1710 Rec^d of Mr Zacheus Gould
consta of Topsfield Twenty Eight Pounds Seven shillings in
Part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas per Jer. allene

Copia vera Attests, Sam^l Stanley Cler.

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of
Topsfield Janua^ry 3^d 1710-11 Zacheus Gould is chosen to
prosecute any that have or shall cut down Wood or Timber
upon our Town Common Contrary to y^e Town order voted

Boston September 20th 1710 Rec^d of Consta Joseph Town
of Topsfield thirteen Pounds and three shillings in full: rec^d
for M^r James Taylor Tresr. per Jer. Allene

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield it being
there General Town Meeting on the Sixth Day of March
1910-11 Leivt. Tobijah Perkins is chosen Moderator for
the Day voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerke for y^e year In-
suing voted

(To be continued.)

John Averell and John Curtis are chosen Constables for y^e year Insuing. Voted

Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins, Deac Samuel Howlett, Thomas Howlett, Joseph Town and Samuel Stanley are chosen Select Men for y^e year Insuing. Voted

Phillip Knight: Joseph Borman and Ephraim Willds are chosen surveyors of high-ways for the year Insuing Voted

Clerke Elisha Perkins and Thomas Town are Chosen fence viewers for the year Insuing Voted

Sar. John Hovey: John Courtis and Thomas Dorman are Chosen Tithingmen for the year Insuing. Voted

Corp^l Jacob Town is Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and Timothy Perkins the 2d is Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at next Ipswich Court. Voted

The Town Officers above named being Summoned to appear: appeared before the Select-Men Instantly after the meeting was dissolved; at Cap^t Hows House on y^e Same Day they were chosen: and were all Sworne to the faithfull discharge of their respective Officies by the Select Men

Atteste Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Boston March 16th 1710

Rec^d of M^r Zacheus Gould Const^a of Topsfield by M^r Tobijah Perkins fforty seven pounds fourteen skillings & five pence in part rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas^r P^r John Wheelwright.

Copia vera Attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Selectmen on y^e second Day of April 1711 Said Selectmen agreed and Lay^d out a highway from the Land of Daniel Waters and Goodman Robinsons to the Town Bridge over the River beginning at two Red oake Trees Standing by s^d Waterses and Robinsons Land along by y^e Northwest End by William Townses Barn: and so on as y^e old Cartway now goes by William Townses House; and so along in the Lane to Joseph Towns Sen^r House; and from thence as the olde Cart way goes to the Causey that goes to the fore s^d Town Bridge

Tobijah Perkins
Samuel Howlett
Thomas Howlett

the 9th May 1711

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins is chosen Representative for y^e year Insuing Voted

Cap^t John How M^r Isaac Peabody and Deac. Thomas Dorman are Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury: and Lieu^t Daniel Redington Sarj^t John Curtis and John Hovey Jun^r are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of trials at the Superiour Court next holden at Ipswich Voted

the Town Granted liberty to several young men to raise the hinde Seat of the West Gallery in y^e Meeting House Voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Selectmen May 9th 1711 Samuel Stanley was chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year Insuing for y^e Town of Topsfield Voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified for voting as the Law directs Michael Dwaniel

Jun^r is Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at Newbury Court to be holden on y^e last TuesDay Insta :

Topsfield Sept 17th 1711

Voted

Boston Sep^t 4 1711

Rec^d of M^r Thomas Robinson Consta of Topsfield Twenty Six Pounds two shillings & five pence in full received for m^r James Taylor Treas^r

P^r Theo : Lilli

Boston Jan^{ry} 5th 1711.

Rec^d of m^r Zacheus Gould Consta : of Topsfield Twenty-five pounds Two shillings and Seven pence in full recev^d for my ffather m^r James Taylor Treasurer

P^r William Taylor

a true Copy attest Sam^{ll} Stanley T. Clerke for Tops^d

Att a Lawfull & General meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on March the fourth 1711 ^{or} 12 Leiv^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen Moderator for s^d Day

Voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerke for y^e year Insuing

Voted

Nathaniel Borman and Nathaniel Porter are Chosen Constables for the year Insuing

Voted

Sarj^t Thomas Howlett; Corp^{ll} Joseph Town; Clerke Eli-sha Perkins; Amos Dorman and John ffrench are Chosen Selectmen for the Year Insuing

Voted

William Porter, Jacob Estey; and Ebenezer Averell are Chosen Surveyors of high wayes for the Year Insuing

Voted

Benjamin Bixby John Cummings and Zacheus Gould are Chosen Tithing-Men for the Year Insuing

Voted

Sarj^t John Gould and Sarj^t Daniel Clarke Chosen ffence viewers for the Year Insuing

Voted

Ens: Timothy Perkins is Chosen Grand jury man for the
year Insuing Voted

Nathaniel Averell is Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of trials
at Ipswich Court next Voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen School Master for y^e year Insu-
ing Voted

The Town officers above Named were Sworn to the faith-
full discharg of their respective Offices before the Selectmen
Instantly after the Town Meeting on y^e above s^d 4th Day of
March 1711 ^{or} 12

as attest Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield.

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield on y^e Eleaventh Day of March 1711 or 12 the
Town agreed the Selectmen Should appoint Men to Peram-
bulate with Boxford men on a line between Topsfield & Box-
ford Voted

Att a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of
Topsfield the 24th Day of Ap^{ll} 1712 Daniel Clarke & Ephraim
Willds was Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury at the Super-
iour Court to be holden at Ipswich on may 20th 1712 and
Ebenezer Averell; Thomas Dorman and Zacheus Gould are
Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at Said Court Voted

At a Meeting of y^e Selectmen April 3^d 1712
for Topsfield Line M^r Benjamin Putnum M^r Samuel Nurse
Sen^r M^r James Phillips Them or y^e Maj^r part of them are
appointed to meet with Such persons as Topsfield men Shall
appoint; at the house of Deac Edward Putnum at Nine of
y^e Clock in y^e fore Noon to Parambulate and renew the
Bounds betwee the S^d Towns on april the 17th being Thurs-
day

Salem Ap^{ll} 3^d 1712; Attest Walter Price Town Cler

Copia vera attest Sam^{ll} Stanley Town Cler

Wee whose Names are under Writen being Chosen by S^d Towns of Salem and Topsfield to perambulate upon the Bounds between y^e s^d Towns have accordingly owned & Renewed them—viz a Red Oak Tree with a heap of Stones as is Commonly Called Crumwells Rock near Ipswich River; from thence to a heap of Stons betwee three White Oak Trees by a great Assh Swamp then—to heap of Stons near Nickolsis Brook; then to a heap of Stons about a Dry Tree; near the head of Smiths Meadow; then to a Crooked Tree with Stons at it near Wenham—highway Dat^d 17th Ap^l 1712
 for Topsfield Elisha Perkins Joseph Town John Curtis
 for Salem Benjamin Putnam James Phillips

A true Copy attest Sam^l Stanley Town Cler

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Select Men; M^r Thomas Kimball; Benjamin ffiske and John Kimball; are appointed & Impowered & desiered to meet with y^e Select Men of Topsfield; or such as they have appointed; at the Bound Tree near the Causway on Topsfield Shore; on the 14th of May Instant at about Nine of the Clock in y^e fore Noon on S^d Day; and with them to perambulate on y^e Bounds between Wenham and Topsfield.

by order of the Select Men

William Rogerers Town Clerk

Copia vera Attest Sam^l Stanley Town Cler

We whose Names are under Writen being appointed by the Select Men of Wenham to renew Bounds with Topsfield; we have met and owned and renewed them this 14th Day of May 1712.

Thomas Kimball
 John Kimball

at a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on the 17th Day of Sept^r 1712 Ivory Hovey is Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of trials at Newbury Court next on y^e last tuesday of this Ins^t Sept^r 1712

voted

Copia attest Sam^l Stanley Town Cler

Att a Lawfull meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on the tenth Day of June 1712 The Town agreed to petition to y^e General Court for a rehearing of the Case between Topsfield and Boxford Voted

the Town agreed with and Impowered the Select Men to prefer a petition to y^e Hon^d General Court; in behalfe of y^e Town; for a rehearsing of the Case between Topsfield and Boxford Concerning the Line between the S^d Towns Voted

Aug^t 26th 1712

the Selectmen took the oath of Assessors before me

Samuel Stanley Town Clerke

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on the 23^d Day of December 1712, Elisha Perkins, Daniel Clarke and John Hovey Jun^r are chosen Agents or Attorneys to Joyne with our Representative in behalfe of y^e Town to Manage our Towns petition now in the General Court for a rehearing of y^e case between Boxford and Topsfield: and they are fully Impowered to Chuse an Attorney or Att[']neys for y^e manageing of the case afore^s^d and Town will bear them out in all their Lawfull proceeding therein voted

At a Lawfull & General meeting of the Town of Topsfield on the third Day of March 171³₁₂ Deacⁿ Samuel Howlett was chosen Moderator for the Day voted

Samuel Stanley is chosen Town Clerke for the Year Insuing voted

Deacⁿ Samuel Howlet, Corp^l Jacob Town Ebenezer Averell, Joseph Town Tersus and Samuel Stanley are Chosen Select men for y^e year Insuing voted

Thomas Town and Jacob Eastey are chosen Constables for y^e year Insuing voted

Sarj^t Daniel Clarke, John ffrench and Amos Dorman are chosen Surveyers of high Wayes for the year Insuing voted

Benjamin Bixby and Zacheus Gould are chosen ffence Viewers for y^e year Insuing voted

Phillip Knight, John Averell and John Hovey Jun^r are chosen Tithing for the year Insuing voted

Joseph Borman is Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury for y^e year Insuing voted

Jacob Robinson is chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Trials at Ipswich Court next voted

Samuel Stanley is chosen Schoolmaster for the year Insuing voted

Where as Thomas Town and Jacob Eastey were at the General Town Meeting on y^e 3^d of March 17¹²₁₃ Chosen Constables for the Town of Topsfield; and Sarj^t Daniel Clarke; John ffrench and Amos Dorman were chosen Surveyers of high wayes; and Benjamin Bixby and Zacheus Gould were Chosen ffence viewers and Phillip Knight, Sarj^t John Averell and John Hovey Jnn^r were chosen TithingMen; They were all Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their Respecting Officers (Excepting Phillip Knight) on y^e 3^d Day and sixth Day of the moneth above^{sd} by the Selectmen: and Entred by their order

attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Rec^d of Mr John Averell Constable of Topsfield: Boston Jana^y 23 1712 Six Pounds Eleaven Shillings and three pence in full by me Eph; Will; rec^d for my father James Taylor Treas^r

p^r William Taylor

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley T Cler, Tops^d

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield the Tenth Day of March 1713³ the Town agreed that if any person or persons Shall presume to Cut down any Wood or Timber upon our Town Common and cary out of Town, or make any Coal of Wood taken upon our Town Common and Carry out of Town, or Carry Logs to Saw-Mills to make Plank and carry out of Town or Slit work, or fall Trees for Bark and Carry out of Town shall forfeit for Every Tree of one foot over & upward, the Sum of Twenty Shillings; and for Every Tree or Pole under a foot over the Sum of tenn Shillings; and for Every Load of Coal the Sum of Twenty Shillings; and for Every Corde of Bark Twenty Shillings; and for all corde Wood or long wood take upon our s^d Town Common and Carried out of Town; Shall pay after the Rate of Twenty Shillings P^r board or Load voted

Corp^l Jacob Town, Sarj Daniel Clarke and John Hovey Jun^r are Chosen and Impowered to prosecute any that shall transgress in any of the perticulers above mentioned: and the Town will bear them out in all their Lawfull proceedings therein voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on the Sixth Day of May 1713 Corp^l Jacob Town is chosen Representitive for the year Insuing voted

Liev^t Tobijah Perkins and Lievt Daniel Redington are chosen to serve on y^e Jury that is on y^e Grand Jury at y^e Superiour Court next to be holden at Ipswich voted

John Curtis Jun^r Corp^l Joseph Town and Sar^t Isaac Eastey are chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at the court afore^{s^d} voted

The Town granted to M^r Isaac Peabody the Brook from y^e Damm upwards as far as the Brook is common voted

Cap^t Thomas Baker, Deac Thomas Dorman; Sarj^t Daniel Clarke, Thomas Dorman and Jesse Dorman Entered their Contrary Decents against the above said vote

Att a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Select Men on y^e 22^d Day of Aug^t 1712 the Select Men took the Oath of Assessors before me Samuel Stanley Town Clerke

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting on y^e Ninth Lay of Septem^r, 1713 Amos Dorman was Chosen to Serve on y^e Jury, of trials at Newbury Court next Insuing y^e Date of this meeting

Boston June 24th 1712

Rec^d of M^r Nathaniel Borman Const^{ll} of Topsfield Twenty one Pound in part rec^d for my father James Taylor, Treas-
urer P^r William Taylor

Boston Decem^r 8th 1711 Rec^d of M^r Nath^{ll} Borman Consta^{ll} of Topsfield Forty Pounds Eight Shillings & Six pence in part recd. for my father James Tayle^r Treaser

Boston Sep^t 28th 1713 Rec^d of M^r Nath^{ll} Borman Consta of Topsfield ten pounds and fourteen shillings & Eight pence in p^t rec^d for M^r James Taylor Treas P^r William Taylor.

Boston Octo 8th 1713 Rec^d of M^r Nath^{ll} Borman Consta of Topsfield Three Pounds & three Shillings in p^t rec^d P^r his Brother, for my father James Taylor, Treas P^r William Taylor,

Boston Octo^r 30th 1713 Rec^d of M^r Nath^{ll} Borman Consta. of Topsfield Twenty Pounds Nine Shillings & Six pence in p^t for my father James Taylor, Treasur, P^r William Taylor

Boston Decem^r 29th 1713 Rec^d of M^r Nathaniel Borman Consta of Topsfield Two Pounds & Seventeen Shillings & four pence in full by M^r Capen for my father, James Taylor, Treasur, P^r William Taylor

True Copies as attest Samuel Stanley Town cler

Ipswich ffeb 22: 1713

Rec^d of M^r John Averell Constable the Sum of four Pounds Twelve Shillings and four pence for y^e County Rate for y^e year 1711 for y^e Town of Topsfield Rec^d P^r me John Apleton Treas^r

a true Copy as Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Cler

At Topsfield annual Meeting for the year 171³; Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerke for the year Insuing voted

Corp^l Joseph Gould and Thomas Cave are chosen Constables for y^e year Insuing voted

Clerke Elisha Perkins; John Town; Jacob Peabody and Joseph Knight are Chosen Surveyers of High Wayes for the year Insuing Voted

Sarj^t Isaac Estey and Amos Dorman are Chosen ffence viewers for the year Insuing voted

Sarj^t John Hovey; Job Averell and Sarj^t Daniel Clarke are chosen Tithing men for the year Insuing voted

John ffrench is Chosen Grand Jury for the year: and M^r Simond Bradstreet is Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Trials at Ipswich Court next voted

Samuel Stanley is chosen School Master for the year Insuing voted

the Town have agreed to give Samuel Stanley forty Shillings to keep School voted

Nathaniel Wood; Michael Dwaniel and Nathaniel Borman are chosen Hog constables for the Year Insuiug voted

The Town agreed to allow M^r Capen Six Pounds; to clear the Town of the arears of the ministers Rates Due to M^r Capen from Boxford voted

the Town granted Liberty Sum young men to rais afourth Seat in the front Gallery next to the wall; provided that if any out Townsmen shall Joyn with them; they shall pay to the ministers Rate as our Towns young men do voted

at a lawfull Meeting of the Select men on the Second Day of March: and on the Eightth Day of March 1713²; the Town Officers for the Insuing year Were all Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their Respective Offices before the Select-men; accept Job Averell & Nathaniel Borman

Attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e 14th Day May 1714 Liev^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen Representitive for y^e year Insuing voted

Cap^t John How; M^r Isaac Peabody and Deac Samuel Howlett are Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury at y^e Superiour Court to be holden next at Ipswich voted

Liev^t Daniel Redington; En^s Timothy Perkins and Corp^l Ebenezer Averell are chosen to Serve on the Jury of Trials at y^e Court aforesaid voted

Corp^l Jacob Town is chosen fence viewers for y^e year Insuing voted

Benjamin Bixby is chosen a Surveyer of Highways for y^e year Iusuing voted

m^r Isaac Peabody; Sarj^t John Gould and William Town are Chosen & Impowered as Agents or Attorneys for y^e Town to Examin and Settle Bounds between the Town Common and mens Proprieties and where it may be made to appear that any man hath Incroched on upon our Town Common by ffencing in or any other way laying clame to any of our Town common to be his own peculer; our aforesaid Agents or Attorneys; are hereby fully Impowered by the Town to use all Legal methods in y^e Law for recovering back all such Lands again; If those that have so Incroached Do refuse to agree with our Town Agents or Attorneys aforesaid and the Town will Bear them out in all their Lawfull Proceedings therein voted

Know all Men whom it may concern; that we Isaac Peabody; John Gould and William Town being appointed by the Town of Topsfield to agree with; and settle Bounds between the Town Common and Mens Proprieties; we therefore having Examined the Grants and Deeds belonging to John Hovey Jun^r we do finde that the Easterly Corner of that which was Lunkinsis Land is Bounded at a Black Oak Tree standing North Eastwardly from said Hoveys Dwelling House beyond a little Pond Hole by the Meadow Side: and we have settled the Bounds of John Hovey Juniore his Land; by the Common; where the Common Joyneth to said Hov-

eys Land; with a straight line between the forementioned Tree and Heap of Stones; which Leiftenant Ephraim Dorman claimeth to be his Bounds upon the south side of Winthrop's Hills; the Eastwardly Corner of said Hoveys Land being Bounded in the foresaid straight Line southwestwardly about six Rods from the Path which Ipswich farmers go in as the go to Topsfield Meeting House; where said Hovey Bounds turneth south-westwardly to a Heap of Stons which is between the said Hoveys Land and Dormans Land; as their line cometh up from Pye Brook; for which the said Hovey is Bound in a Bond of five Pounds; Currant Money of New England which he is to Pay to us the Subscribers; for this settlement as witness our Hands to all above written—this Twenty Eighth Day of May one Thousand Seven Hundred and fourteen.

Isaac Peabody

John Gould

William Towne

This is a true Copy

as attests

Agents or Attorneys

Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

for the Town of Topsfield

The return of the Towns Agents: their return of the agreement next above written was made on the fourteenth Day of December 1714 in a Lawful Town Meeting and was accordingly accepted by the Town

Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

Whereas the Town in the year 1667 past a vote and left it to the descretion of the Select men to lay out a high way from y^e Common Land on the South Side of Mile Brook; over against Goodman Dormans and Sarjent Peabodys to Ensign Howletts Brook—We whose Names are underwritten have layd out a highway from y^e Common Land afore^{sd} over the falls Bridg so called; up the Hill to the lift and fence; of three Rods wide and to holde that Bradth till it comes three or four Rods within Deac. Dormans and M^r Isaac Peabodys fence; and then to be but two Rods wide and the Line between Deac Thomas Dormans and M^r Isaac Peabodys Land is to be in the middle of the said highway one bearing the one half of the way & the other the other half of s^d way and so wee have layd it out till it comes to a crooked Black

or Red oak Tree. standing on Deac: Dormans Side of the way & marked; and Spreading a little before it comes to said crooked Tree, spreading on peabodys side of the way to a Tree marked Standing by y^e side of a round Hole or valley and so to another Tree marked but Standing a little forward-er on; on the left side of the way; the way turning to the right Hand by the Side of the round Hole or valley afor^{sd} and so we have layd out the rest of said highway through the land of M^r Isaac Peabody as the olde highway goes till wee come to the Gate standing in the Line between M^r Isaac Peabody and L^t Tobijah Perkinses Land and to be but two Rods wide except at the two places afore mentioned: which is to give advantag to turn as the Way turns

Dat^d 22 June 1714

Samuel Stanley
Ephraim Willds
John Hove Jun^r
Zacheus Gould
Selectmen of Topsfield

24 of Agust 1714 the Select men were Sworn to the faithful discharg of their Office as Assessors for the Town of Topsfield P^r Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

Att a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e fourteenth Day of December 1714 the Town agreed to give Sarj^t Daniel Clarke Forty Shillings for making the Pound voted

The Town agreed & made choice of Ebenezer Averell to manage an aprizement in behalf of the Town with Sarj^t Daniel Clarke (of the Pound) if he will not rest Contented with y^e Forty Shillings which the Town voted to give him for the said Pound voted

Rec^d of Jacob Eastey Constaⁿ of Topsfield Forty Seven Shillings two pence for his part of y^e County Rate for said Town; Ipswich april 5 1714.

Boston Decem^r 29th 1713 Rec^d of M^r Jacob Eastey Constaⁿ of Topsfield fifty Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings in part rec^d for my father James Taylor Treas^r P^r William Taylor

Boston May 14th 1714

Rec^d of M^r Jacob Eastey Constable of Topsfield Twenty Seven pounds Six Shillings in part rec^d for my fater James Taylor Treas by M^r Elisha Perkins P^r William Taylor

Boston Sep^t 3^d 1714

Rec^d of M^r Jacob Eastey Consta^{bl} of Topsfield Thirty six shillings and Seven pence rec^d for my Mas^r Jere: Allen Treas P^r James Gooch Jun^r

Boston Octo 13th 1714

Rec^d of M^r Jacob Eastey Constable of Topsfield Two Pounds four Shillings and five pence in full for my Master Jere Allen Treas P^r James Gooch Jun^r

Boston January 20th 1714

Rec^d of M^r Joseph Gould Consta: of Topsfield Forty five Pounds thirteen Shillings and Six pence in part: rec^d for my mast^r Jeremiah Allene Treas by Hands of M^r Tobijah Perkins P^r John Gooch

Boston Sepm^r 7th 1714

Rec^d of M^r John Curtis Const^a of Topsfield four Pounds thirteen Shillings in full for My Master Jeremiah Allene Treas by M^r Amos Dorman P^r James Gooch Jun^r

At a Lawfull and General Meeting of the Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield of y^e first Day of March 1714; Liev^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen Moderator for the Day voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerke for the year Isuing voted

Jacob Peabody and John Burton are Chosen constables for the year Insuing voted

Corp^l Joseph Town; Ebenezer Averell; Amos Dorman; Joseph Borman and Deacⁿ Samuel Howlett are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Insuing vot^d

Clarke Elisha Perkins is Chosen to Serve on y^e Jury grand at Ipswich Court next vot^d

and Sarg^t Daniel Clarke is Chosen to Scrue on the Jury of trials at said Court vot^d

And Jacob Robinson; Jesse Dorman; Ebenezer Nicholls and John Curtis Jun^r are Chosen Surveyors of High Wayes for the Year Insuing voted

and Sarj^t John Curtis and Corp^l Jacob Town are Chosen fference Viewers for y^e year vot^d

Liev^t Ephraim Dorman; Corp^l Ephraim Willds and Thomas Robinson are chosen Tithing men for the year Insuing voted

and Joshua Town and Joseph Robinson are chosen field Drivers for y^e year Insuing vot^d

and Samuel Stanley is Chosen School Master for y^e year Insuing voted

the Town agreed to give Samuel Stanley Twenty Shillings for keeping Schooll for the Town this year Insuing voted

the Town agreed that the present Select Men shall Cast up Zacheus Gould's Rate and make report to the Town at a Town Meeting vot^d

the Town agreed that So long as Zacheus Perkins doth maintain a Sufficent Cart Bridge over the Brook by his House; So long said Perkins Shall be freed from other Highway Work in the Town voted

The Town Oficers all Sworn to the ffaithful discharge of their Respective Offices by the Select Men—March y^e first one Thousand Seven Hundred fourteen

attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

At a Lawfull Town Meeting on y^e Ninth Day of May^r 1715 Thomas Robinson and John Cummings was chose to Serve on y^e Grand Jury at the Superiour Court to be Holden at Ipswich on Tuesday next Insuing the Date here of; and Corp^l Jacob Town and Micheal Dwaniel Jun^r are Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at y^e Court aboves^d voted

Liev^t Tobijah Perkins is Choosen Representitive for the Year Insuing voted

We whose Names are under Writen being Chosen for the Town of Salem and Topsfield to Perambulate on the Bounds between Said Towns; Have accordingly renewed them: viz: a Red oke Tree with a Heap of Stones about it; Commonly Called Crumwells Rock Near the River from thence to a Heap of Stons between three White oke Trees by a great Ash Swamp, then to a Heap of Stones near Nickollses Brook, then to a Dry Tree with a Heap of Stons at it Near the Head of Smiths Meadow; then to a Crooked Black oke Tree near Weell Brook; then to a White oke Tree with Stons at it near Wenham highway. the 5th of April 1715

for Topsfield

Samuel Howlett
Joseph Town
Amos Dorman

for Salem

Ezekiel Cheever
John Trask
James Putnum
Israell Porter
Benjamin Holton
Thomas Symonds

Copia vera attest Samuel Stanley Town Cler

Wee whose Names are here under Writen being appointed to Perambulate the line between Ipswich & Topsfield; Have agreed on the Bounds formerly Recorded and renewed them as witness our Hands

for Topsfield

Corp^l Ephraim Willds
Joseph Borman
May 24th 1715

for Ipswich

Robart Lord
Nehemiah Hart
Phillip Rowler Jun^r

Copia vera Attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town Meeting on the 13th of September 1715. William Town and John Curtis are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of trials at Newbury Court next to be holden on y^e Last Tuesday Instant voted

the Town have allowed Sarj^t Daniel Clarke tenn Shillings which the Select Men allowed him for the Pound voted

At a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Town of Topsfield December the fift 1715 it was agreed that if any person fall any Tree or Trees upon our Towns Common they shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings for Every Tree or pole under a foot over at the stump; and Twenty Shillings for Every Tree that is a foot over at the Stump and upwards and if any Wood be caried out of our Town that was at first taken upon the said Common they shall pay the Sum of Twelve Shillings for Every Load so caried of

voted

the Town hath chosen Ephraim Willds and Sarj^t Daniel Clarke both or Either of them to prosecute against the breakers of this act or by law and the Town will bear them out in their Lawfull proceeding therein

voted

Taken up by Nathaniel Borman of Topsfield a stray Heifer; darke Cullered on the sides and white on her Belly White on her Back White on her Tail; a Swallows Tail cut out of both Ears and two half penys Cut out of her left Ear

Dat^d 6th Decem^r 1715

Att a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on January the 18th 171⁴ the Town agreed to Divide the Common to Every Householder an Equal Share Excepting Tennants

voted

Boston May y^e 26th 1715

Rec^d of M^r Thomas Town Constable of Topsfield one Pound Two Shillings five pence in full by the Hand of M^r Tobijah Perkins for M^r Jeremiah Allen Tres^r P^r James Gooch, Jun^r

Copia vera attests Sam Stanley Town Cler

Rec^d of Thomas Town Constable of Topsfield the Sum of Twenty Shillings upon the account of said Towns County Rate for his part Rec^d Ipswich April 5th 1714 John Appleton County Trea^r

Copia vera attests Sam^l Stanley T. Cler.

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield December the fifth 1715 it was agreed that if any person fall any Tree

or Trees upon our Town Common they Shall forfeit the Sum of Tenn Shillings for Every Tree or Pole under a foot over at the Stump: and Twenty Shillings for Every Tree that is a foot over at the Stump: and upwards: and if any Wood be carried out of our Town that was at first taken upon our Said Common they shall pay the Sum of Twelve Shillings for Every Load so carried of

voted
at a general Sessions of the Peace Holden at Salem December 27th 1715 the above by Laws were
Read considered and allowed and confirmed.

attests Stephen Sewall Cler

Copia vera Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Cler.

Rec^d of M^r Thomas Cave Const^a of Topsfield Seven Pounds & Eight Shillings in full by M^r Jacob Eastey Pr Jerem Allen Trea^r

Copia vearah attests Sam^l Stanley T. Cler.

At a Lawfull Town meeting on March the Sixth; being the yearly Meeting for the year 171⁶ Deac: Howlett was Chosen Moderator for said Day

voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerk for the year Insuing

voted

William Town and Job Averell are Chosen Constables for the Year Insuing

voted

Cler. Elisha Perkins; Ebenezer Averell; John Hovey; Amos Dorman and Thomas Robinson are Chosen Select-Men for the year Insuing

voted

Ens. Timothy Perkins is Chosen Grand-Jury man for y^e Insuing year

voted

Edward Putnum is Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at Ipswich Court next

voted

Timothy Perkins Jun^r; Ivory Hovey and Eliezer Lake and William Hobs are chosen Surveyers of High Wayes for the year Insuing

voted

M^r Isaac Peabody and Nathaniel Borman are Chosen f fence
viewers for y^e year Insuing voted

and Corp^l Joseph Town; Benjamin Bixby and Jacob Eastey
are Chosen Tithing Men for the year Insuing voted

The Town agreed that the present Select men Shall Cast
up Zacheus Goulds Rates and what they finde wanting they
are to allow him voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Select men on the Sixth Day
of March 171⁵ The Town Officers were all Sworn to the
faithfull discharg of their Respective Offices before the Se-
lect men. Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Cler

March 13th 171⁵ Corp^l Joseph Towne was Sworn to the
faithfull discharge of his Office by the Select men: He being
Chosen a Tithing-man attests Sam Stanley T Cler.

Rec^d of M^r Thomas Cave Const^a of Topsfield Seven
Pounds and Eight Shillings in full by M^r Jacob Eastey P^r
Jer. Allen Trear

Boston Decem^r 6th 1715

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield on the 19th Day of March 171⁵ Samuel Stanley is
Chosen School Master for the year Insuing voted

The Town agreed to give Samuel Stanley forty Shillings
to be School Master for the Town the year Insuing voted

The Town agreed that Euery freeholder now Inhabitant
in the Town that hath Twenty Acres of Land in the Town
part of it meadow are made Commoners, and accordingly
shall Share in the Town Common for Wood, timber, Herbige
and other Common privilidges voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield the 8th Day of May 1718 Sarj^t Daniel Clarke is
Chosen Representative for the year Insuing voted

Deac Samuel Howlett and M^r Isaac Peabody are Chosen to
serve on the Grand Jury at the Superiour Court to be holden
at Ipswich next after the Date hereof voted

Nathaniel Averell and Nathaniel Borman are chosen to
Serve on the Jury of Trials at the above s^d Court voted

The Town have Impowered the Selectmen to take all Lea-
gal Methods for the having a way Lay'd out From Topsfield
Town to Ipswich Town by Sarj^t William Howletts House
voted

The Town agreed and Chose a Commity to Seat the Meet-
ing House voted

Corp^l Joseph Town; Amos Dorman Ens. Timothy Per-
kins; Corp^l Ephraim Willds and Samuel Stanley are Chosen
a commitie to Seat the Meeting House voted

At a Lawfull meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield on the thirteenth Day of June 1716 the Town then
gave Liberty to some young People; properly belonging to
the Town; to Set up a Seat over the Womens Gallery Stares
voted

Rec^d of Jacob Eastey as Constable for Topsfield; for
the year 1713 what was Committed to him to colect for my
use by the Selectmen of Topsfield afores^d I say rec^d in full Pr
me

Topsfield May 8th 1716

Joseph Capen

Copia vera Attests Samuel Stanley T. Cler.

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town Topsfield on y^e 18th
Day of September 1716 Timothy Perkins and Joseph Gould
were Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Trials at Newbury Court
next voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield on the 12th Day of March 171⁶ Samuel Stanley is
Chosen Town Clerke for the year Insuing voted

Thomas Gould and Edward Putnum are Chosen Consta-
bles for the year Insuing voted

Deac Samuel Howlett, Corp^l Joseph Town, Mickeal Dwin-
ell, Jacob Peabody and Samuel Stanley are Chosen Select
men for y^e year Insuing voted

L^t Thomas Baker and Joshua Town are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Trials at y^e next Court to be held at Ipswich
voted

John Cummings is Chosen Grand-Jury man for y^e year Insuing
voted

Thomas Robinson Joseph Robinson and John Willds are Chosen surveyers of highways for the year Insuing
voted

Cler. Elisha Perkins and Sar^t Daniel Clarke are chosen fence viewers for the year Insuing
voted

Cler. John French, Joseph Jun^r and Ivory Hovey are Chosen—Tithing for the year Insuing
voted

John Dwiniell and Eliezer Lake are Chosen fielddrivers for y^e year Insuing
voted

the Town agreed that all Strays taken up in y^e Town shall be brought to the Pound on y^e Second tuesday of November by them that have taken them up or Information of such Strays as they have in Custidy
voted

the Town agreed that noe Rames shall go upon the Town Common from the first Day of next August to the Last Day of October next
voted

the Town Officers were Sworn to the faithfull discharg of their Respective Offices before y^e Select Men on March the 12th 1717⁶

attest Samuel Stanley Town Clerke: Topsfield

Samuel Stanley was chosen School-Master for the year Insuing
voted

Edward Putnum was Sworn to the office of a constable on the first Day of April 1717 before the Select Men

attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

Rec^d of Samuel Stanley the Sum of fifty two Shillings and Six pence one of the Select men and Clerke for the Town of Topsfield, it being Money ordered to me by the Town of Topsfield: as part of Six pounds which Said Town allowed

for my use Instead of about tenn pounds arrears due to me from the Inhabitants of Boxford upon their goeing from Topsfield; and was accordingly accepted of me I say received the Sum above said: and on the account abovesd.

this first Day of Decem^r 1714

Joseph Capen

Copia vera Attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

Rec^d of Corp^l Ephraim Willds as Select Man for the Town of Topsfield for the year 1714 the Sum of thirty Nine Shillings and tenn pence; it being in consideration of Six Pounds order to me for the clearing up of Boxford Arrears Due to me. I say received the Sum above sd this first Day of March 17¹⁴₁₅

P^r me Joseph Capen

Copia vera attests Sam^l Stanley Town Cler.

We whose Names are under writen being Chosen and Impowered by the Select Men to lay out a Highway from Paul Averells Land to the Road by Ebenezer Nickolses House, accordingly have done it, begining at Paul Averells Land; and have layd it out two Rods wide all the way keeping the olde plain Path till we come a Cross the Plane in John Cummings Land: and then turning to the right Hand as the Way is now lay'd out, till we come to Cor^p Joseph Towns Land and from the uper Side of the Way in Corp^l Joseph Towns Land; the two Rods being allow'd on the North & North East Side of the Way till we come to M^r Peabodys Land: and as the Road is lay'd out, till we come to William Hobses Land; and as the Road is lay'd out till we come to Thomas Robinsons Land; and as the Road is till we come in to the olde Road.

Dated y^e 12th of march 171⁶₇

Thomas Robinson
Joseph Knight
Elisha Perkins

Copia vera Attests Sam^l Stanley Town Cler.

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on the third Day of May 1717 Deac. Samuel Howlett is Chosen Representative for the year Insuing voted

Capt. Tobijah Perkins and Deac. Daniel Redington are Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury, and John Hovey Junr & John Howlett are chosen to Serve on the Jury of Trials att the Superiour Court next to be holden at Ipswich voted

The Town agreed to prefer to the General Court a Petition for a line to be run between Rowley Topsfield and Boxford according to General Court Grant voted

the Town agreed that the Select men shall git a Petition drawn up to Send to the General Court for the Buissiness afores^d voted

The Town agreed that all Rams shall be taken up that are found running upon our Town Common from the Twenty fifth Day of July next, to the last of october next voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on the tenth Day of September 1717 Clarke John ffrench and Ivory Hovey was Chosen to Serve on the Jury of trials at Newbury the 24th Currant voted

This may certifie the Hon^d Court now Siting at Newbury on y^e 24th Currant that we the Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield are willing & desierous that a Country Road be layd out from the Town of Biffilld along by Nehemiah Abbits and so to the Country Road that goeth through our said Town voted

at a Town Meeting on the Tenth Day of Sept^r 1717 We whose Names are under Writen being desiered To lay out a way from the Road that is lay'd out thrugh M^r Peabodys Land & Jesse Dormans Land to Ipswich to the Bridg to Jacob Peabodys Land: accordingly we have don it: and have laid it out as the way now goes to said Jacob Peabodys Land

Samuel Howlett
Samuel Stanley
Michael Dwaniel
Select men of Topsfield

Dat^d 3^d octo 1717

Copia vera attests Sam^l T. Stanley Clerk

At a Lawfull Meeting of y^e Select men on the third Day of octo^r 1717 we then went and Laid out a COUNTRY Road from Ipswich line, near y^e uper End of m^r Bakers Pond so called along as y^e way now goes to Leivt Ephraim Dormans; and So on as the Road now goes to Cap^t John Hows

Samuel Howlett
 Samuel Stanley
 Michael Dwaniel

Copia vera Attests Samⁿ Stanley T. Cler

at a Lawfull Town Meeting on y^e Seventh Day of Jan^r 171⁷₈ the Town then granted Liberty to y^e Inhabitant of y^e said Town to cut Wood upon y^e common for there own use and not to Cary Any out of our Said Town Voted

There is a Stray mare taken up in Topsfield about five or Six years olde a Black mare with a white Blaeze in Her face with a little Black Spot in the White right between Her Eyes, with a little on Her fore feet & white on Her hinder feet up to Her Hams almoste aprised at five Pounds and the Mare is Shod round. Dat Decem^r 11th 1717

to Thomas Gould Constabel of Topsfield

for His mag^{hise} Name you are required forth with to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e said town rateable at twenty pounds estate besides y^e poll to meet at y^e meeting house in Topsfield afore^{sd} on Tuesday next at nine of y^e clock in y^e forenoon then & there to Elect and depute Selectmen Constable and other Town officers as y^e Law directs to sarve this Town for y^e yeare Insuing and to agree upon the granting such sum or sums of mony as shall be thought nead full for defraying all nesary Charges ariseing within said town and to agre and conclud upon any other mate[r]s or things which shall yⁿ be though nead full to promote y^e benefit and welfare thireof as also to chuse Jury men for Ipswich cort herre of fail not make return of your doings thire in unto my self before y^e said time of meating dated in Topsfield the 1: Day of march 171⁷₈ by order of y^e select men of sd town Samuel Stanley town clark Thomas Gould Constable

at the anuall Town meeting of the Town of Topsfield in March 1717 Mr. Nathaniel Porter was chosen Town clark for s^d Town for the year insuing and sworn

uoted y^t Ivory Houey and Elelisah Putnum are chosen constabels for y^e yeare insuing

uotd John Howlet Amos Dorman insiⁿ John Gould Jacob Pebody and Nathaniel Porter chosen selectmen for y^e yere insuing

uoted Eleisha Perkins are Chosen gran Jury man for y^e yere insuing

uoted Nathaniel Aurel and John Howlit are chosen to saruv on y^e Jury of trilis at y^e next court to be holdon at Ipswich

uoted Nathaniel Borman Joseph Goold and John Nickels are chosen tithing men for the yeare insuing

uoted m^r William Porter m^r John Capen Ebenezer Nickells and Left Joseph Borman are chosen serueyers of y^e hiewayes

uoted Thomas Goodaell is chosen scoolmaster for y^e yeare insuing by y^e Town alowed him Twenty Shillings Sallerrery

Joshua Town and Jacob Robinson are chosen fenceuiers for y^e yeare insuing

uoted

Samuel Howlet and John Gefords are chosen fealds Driuers for y^e yeare insuing

uoted

John Redinton is chosen cealler of Leather for y^e yeare insuing sum of y^e Town offersers ware Sworn before y^e selectmen to the faithfull Descharg of thire Respectiue ofises on y^e 4: march 1717-18

as atest Nathaniel Porter Town Clark

march: 1717-18 y^e rest of y^e Town ofisers ware sworn before y^e Select men in y^r respective oficeses who was John Capen Jacob Robinsons Ebenezer Nickells and William Porter as atest Nathaniel Porter Town Clark

March y^e: 26; 1718; The selectmen ware sworn asessors to the faithfull discharge of there duty before the Town Clark and selectmen

as atest Nathaniel Porter Town Clark

apriell the 28; 1718

Wee whose names are here unto subscribed being chosen the Town of Salem and the Town of Topsfield to meet to gather to Preamblelate between the Towns and renewed bounds betwene the sd. Towns haue owned and reneud those bounds as foloweth beginning at a read oke tree with an heep of stones at it commonly called Cromwells Roock neare the riuer from thence to an heep of stons between Three white okes trees by a great ashe swampe then to an heep of stonse neare Nickcols brook Then to a drie tree with an heepe of stones at it neare the head of Smith meadow then To a crocked black oke neare wheall brook then to a white oke tree with stones at it neare whenham highway

for Topsfield

for Salem

John Gould

Nathaniel Putnum

Michael Dwinel

Zorobabel Rea

John Curtis

James Putnum Jun^r

Copia uari attst Nathaniel Porter Town clark

Essex To M^r Iuory Houey constabel of Topsfield greating In his maiestis Name you are Required forthwith to warn the freholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield in youre presink qualified according to Law for uoting to meet at y^e Meeting house on Tuseday the thirteenth of May next ensuing at two of y^e clock in y^e afternoon :1: To chuse a representatiue to sarue at y^e General Court :2: to Chuse Jury men for Ipswich Court and make return of yaire so doing at or before said time of meeting fail not as you will answer it at y^e perill of y^e Law By order of y^e Selectmen of Topsfield Dat Topsfield. Apriel :23: 1718

Nathaniel Porter Town Clerk

At a lawfull meeting of y^e Town on y^e :13: of May: 1718: Dack Daniel Redinton is chosen moderater for y^e meting
uoted

Dack Samuel Howlett is chosen Representatiue voted

Ephelim Wills and Joseph Borman is chosen to sarue on
y^e gran Jury at Ipswich Cort

John Houey is chusen to Sarue on y^e Jury of trialls a^t y^e
next Superior Court to be held at Ipswich

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e inhabtance of y^e Town of
Topsfield on y^e :23: of may; 1718; capt John how was
moderator for y^e meeting the Town made choys of Jacob
Town Epheriam Wills and John Curtis a commity to uew
and to set a uallaution according to thire best skill and Judg-
ment of what y^e cost may amount to in rebuilding and re-
pairing our Bridg and caseway ouer Ipswich reuer and
prefar the same with a petition to y^e honored court of
qurter seshition to be holden at Salem in June next insuing
the date hereof to see whether y^e honored court will asist
us with help from the county so that we may be inabeled to
rebuild the aboue said Bridg and caseway voted

may the :23: 1718

We whose names are underwritten being apointed and im-
poured to preambleate and renew bounds Betwen Wenham
and Topsfield by our Respectiue Towns and we haue meet
and preambleated the Bounds and renewed the bounds at the
maples and so as the Brook Runs by and old maple stub by
y^e way going ouer into the medows to a stak and heap of
stons in y^e brook then to the corner of pigden medow so to
y^e riuer according to the settlement of our Towns: 1694 then
from the said maples towards the cassaway to the tree men-
tioned in the agreement Betwen our Towns: 1682: which
bound we do agree unto

John How
Thomas Town
John Curtis
John Dwinel
for Topsfield

John Gott
William Rogers
Selectmen for
Wenham

Copia vera attst Nathaniel Porter Town Clark

These are to giue notis to the inhabtance of the Town of

Topsfield qualified according to for uoting to meet at the meeting house on Wensday the ninth day of July instant at two of the cloock in the after noone :1: to consider which way the Town will rebuild the Bridg ouer the riuier and to act upon it as y^e Town then shall see cause :2: to see whether y^e Town will chuse a commity to new secat y^e meeting house :3: to consider whether the Town will seat or dispose of y^e pue in y^e west end of y^e meeting house not yet disposed of as y^e Town then shall see cause.

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield on y^e :9: day of July 1718 Mr Iaac Pebody was choson moderater for y^t meeting uoted

The Town did manifest by a uote y^t thay would rebuild y^e Bridg anew ouer y^e reuer:—uoted that the Bridg ouer the riuier should be done by a reat uoted

that the Town would chuse a comity to agree with carpenters for to rebuild y^e Bridg ouer y^e reuir:

Mr Iaac Pebody quer'mas' Ephefrain Wills and M^r Simon Bredstret is choson a comity to agree with Carpenters to build y^e Bridg ouer y^e riuier and the Town do giue them full Power to Build y^e abouesaid Bridg and the Town will stand to what they shall do in that mater uoted

Mr Daniel Clark Cla^r Elisha Perkins mr Nathaniel Auerall corp Joseph Town and Nathaniel Porter are chosen a comity to new seat the meting house: uoted

the Town granted the pue in y^e west corner of the meeting house to Nathaniel Porter for him and his family to set in provided he paies for y^e Building of y^e said pue uoted

Essex ^{ss} To mr Elisha Putnam Constable of Topsfield Greeting &c

You are Required in his majesties Name forthwith to warn the Inhabitance of youre Town on y^e south side of the riuier Lawfully quallified for voting To meet at y^e meeting house on Tuesday y^e sixteenth of this stant at one of y^e clock in y^e afternoon

to chuse two men to sarue on y^e Jury at y^e next Inferiour Court at Newbery 2^{ly} to see if y^e Town will add somthing unto m^r Capens sallery or agree y^t his sallery shall be paid all in money

To see if y^e Town will giue Nathaniel Porter Liberty to make a small window in y^e side of y^e meeting house against his Pue

to Take care y^t y^e casments or any other Part of y^e meeting house be Repaired y^t wants Repairing make retorn at or before y^e said time of meeting file not as you will answer y^e contrary

Dated Topsfield
September y^e :11: 1718

Jacob Peabody
in y^e Name and by y^e
order of y^e Selectmen of
Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting of y^e Inhabitance of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e :16: of September 1718 Cap^t Tobijah Perkins was chosen moderator for y^t meeting voted

mr Tobijah Perkins and Thomas Goodhall was chosen to sarue on y^e Jury of Trialls at Newbury Court next uoted

The Town did manifest by a uote y^t m^r Capens sallery should be Raised to Eighty Pounds for this yeare and the whole Eighty Pounds should be all paid in money or Bills of Credeat voted

it is granted y^t Nathaniel Porter has Liberty to make a window in y^e side of y^e meeting house aganst his Pew uoted

it is left to y^e Selectmen to repair y^e meeting house where it wants repairing uoted

Wee whose names are under written being desired by some of y^e Inhabitance of our Respective Towns to Lay out a Town way from the road that goes by m^r John Capens to y^e road that goes by Thomas Andrews barn accordingly we haue Laid out said way as followeth begining at m^r Capens casaway so called along as the Lane now goes by the Land of Sa^r Daniel Clark upon Thomas Goulds and Ensin John Goulds Land to y^e Land of Benjamine Byxbe and so a Long between the abouesaid Benjamine Byxby house and barne to

y^e Broock as y^e way was formerly Improued and so along ouer y^e Broock upon y^e aboue said Benjamin Byxby Land as y^e way was formerly improued to Thomas Andrews his Land the aboue said way is to Enter upon Thomas Andrews Land about Three or fore rods to y^e westward of a great Rock that is a bound betwen Thomas Andrews and Samuel Smith and so a Long as The way is now Improued to the road y^t gooes by Thomas Andrews Barn the abouesaid way is Layd out two rods wide

Dat^d in Topsfield y^e :16: of october: 1718

John Gould

	Joseph Byxby	John Howlett
Copia vara attst	Samuel Symonds	Jacob Peabody
Nathaniel Porter	Epheraim Dorman	Nathaniel Porter
Town Clark	Selectmen of	Selectmen of
	Boxford	Topsfield

The: 28th day of october: 1718

we y^e Subscribers being apinted and Impowered by y^e Selectmen of Ipswich and Topsfield to Perambulate the Line between sd Towns haue Accordingly been on sd Line and find the Bounds in order and Renewed the same the day and yeare abouesaid

witness our hands

Topsfield men	copia uari: attst	Robert Lord
John Howlitt	Nathaniel Porter	Nathaniel Hart
Jacob Peabody	Town Clark	Thomas Safford
		of Ipswich

All the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield are Required in his maiesties name to meet at y^e meeting house on fryday y^e :31: of this Instant at Twelue of the Clock on said day to aLow Bills of charge by order of y^e Selectmen of Topsfield October y^e:25: 1718

Elisha Putnam Constable of Topsfield

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e inhabitance of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e :31: day of october: 1718 mr Isaac Peabody was chosen moderator for y^t day

uoted

the Town allowed the assessors for there charges in y^e ualouations of the Towns estate five pounds six shillings six pence

uoted

the Town allowed to John Howlett and Jacob Peabody
four shillings for preambling with Ipswich uoted

The Town allowed to In^s John Gould John Curtis and Mi-
chel Dwinel for preambling with Salem six Shillings uoted

The Town allowed to John french Daniel Clark and Amos
Dorman six shillings for goeing to preambuling with Box-
ford uoted

The Town allowed to Corpⁿ Jacob Town qu^r Ephraim Willds
an John Curtis one pound ten shillings for ueweing y^e Bridg
and perfiering a petition to y^e Court uoted

The Town allowed to M^r Nathaniel Capen for makeing
some casements to y^e meeting two pounds ten shillings uoted

The town allowed to Jacob Perkins for mending y^e glase in
the meeting house one pound fueten shillings uoted

The Town allowed to William Auriel eighting shillings for
sweeping the meeting house uoted

The Town allowed to M^r Isaac Peabody Q^r^{tr} Eperaim
Willds and M^r Simon Bradstreet twenty five pounds nine
shillings for Building y^e Bridg uoted

The Town did menefest by and that the Selectmen should
Raise mony for to pay thire representitiue for this yeare
without coming to the Town

the Town allowed to Sar Stanly Deac Howlit Joseph Town
and Michel Dwinel eight shillings for Laying out a highway
in y^e yeare 1717 uoted

Recued of Constable Borman of Topsfield y^e sum of Three
pounds seuen shillings and two pence for y^e county rate it
being full for y^e said Town :may:17: 1713

Pr John Apleton County treasurer

Copia vari atest Nathaniel Porter Town Clark

The freeholders and other Inhabitances of the Town of
Topsfield Quallified according to Law for voting are to Take
notice to meet at our meeting house in Topsfield on the

first Tuseday in march next at eight of y^e clock in y^e forenone first to chuse Town officers: 2^dly to consider of the petition of some of our Towns men that Liue on y^e west of Nickeolses Broock and to act as shall then be thought Best: 3^dly to consider of y^e petition of m^r Isaac Peabody for a peace of Land neare the mill pond and to act upon it: 4thly to agree upon some way to preserue y^e wood and Timber y^t is upon our Town Common Land and find out some way to preuent the carring of wood and Timber from of our Common Land out of y^e Town or to deuide our Common Land or y^e wood and Timber y^t is on it or to agree upon any other way or method to act concerning it as shall then be Thought most benefitall to y^e Town and allso to do any other thing or things that shall then be Thought needfull or proper to be done for y^e benifit of y^e Town and to Chuse Jury men for Ipswitch Court

Dat^d in Topsfield: th 14 day of february: 1718-19

Elisha Putnam	By order of y ^e Selectmen
Constabel of Topsfield	Nathaniel Porter Town Clark

At a Lawfull Town meeting of y^e inhabittance of Topsfield being y^e annuall meeting on y^e third day of march: 1718-19 Capt Tobijah Perkins is Chosen moderator for y^e day uoted

Nathaniel Porter is chosen Town Clark for y ^e yeare insu- ing	uoted
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m ^r Syman Bradstreet and m ^r Joseph Knight is Chosen Constabel for y ^e yeare insuing	voted
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Jacob Town John Houey John Howlett Jacob Peabody and Nathaniell Porter is Chosen Selectmen for y ^e yeare in- suing	uoted
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Ens ⁿ John Gould is Chosen Town Treshour for y ^e yeare insuing	voted
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John Avril Michel Dwinel and Timothy Perkins Jun ^r arc Chosen Tyingmen for y ^e yeare insuing	voted
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Edward Putnam John Curtis Nathaniel Borman & Jacob Dorman is Chosen Seruavis of the Highways for y ^e yeare insuing	uoted
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Amos Dorman and Joseph Town is Chosen fenceuiers for
y^e yeare insuing uoted

Jesse Dorman & Benjamin Town is chosen feild driuers
for y^a y^eare insuing uoted

Job Avriel is Chosen Scoollmaster for y^e yeare insuing
uoted

Deacⁿ Daniel Redington is chosen to sarue on y^e gran
Jury at Ipswitch Court next uoted

Michel Dwinel and Zeccheus Gould is Chosen to sarue on
y^e Jury of trialls at Ipswich Court next uoted

John Redington is chosen seeller of Leather for y^e yeare
insuing uoted

John Houey John Howlett and Jacob Peabody are chosen
in behalf of y^e Town of Topsfield to go to y^e Town of Ipswitch
to demand a Highway to be Laid out from Ipswitch
Town by William Goodhuses to grauely Brookk neare
y^e reuer and from thence by y^e house y^t was formerly m^r William
Howletts to Topsfield Line and in case y^t Ipswitch Town
neglects or refuse to Lay out said way then y^e abouesaid John
Houey John Howlett and Jacob Peabody are Impowered to
make aplication to any Court of Quarter sessions to be holden
in y^e County of Ssex

March: th₃: 1718-19

Joseph Knight was sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of his
respectiue offis

Jese Dorman and Benjamin Town was sworn to y^e faithfull
discharg of thire respectiue offisses:

John Auriel and Michel Dwinel was sworn to y^e faithfull
discharg of their respectiue offisses

Nathaniel Borman John Curtis and Jacob Dormon was
sworn to the faithfull discharg of thire respectiue offisses

Ensign John Gould is sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of his
respectiue ofis

John Redington was sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of his respectuie offiss

Before y^e Selectmen and Town Clark march: th: 1718-19 m^r Symon Bradstreet was Sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of his respectuie offise

Amos Dorman was sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of his respectuie offis

Timothy Perkins was sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of his respectuie offis

Edward Putnum was sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of his respectuie offis

Before y^e Selectmen and Town Clark

The Inhabitants of Topsfield Qualified according to Law for voting are to Take notis to meet hear at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on friday the Thirteenth of this Instant march at twelve a clock on said day :1: to chuse a schoolmaster :2^d: to considerd how to Improve y^e Common Land In Topsfield and to make any act concerning it as y^e Town shall then think best 3^d to consider of m^r Isaac Pebody's and Leutenant Beakers petitions and act as y^e Town shall then think best :4^{thly}: to chuse men to agree with or prosecute Edward Nealand for falling a tree on our Town Common

If the Town shall then think Best

By order of y^e selectmen
Nathaniel Porter Town Clark

Deated march the :6: of 1718-19

Simon Bradstreet Constable

At a Lawfull Towne meeting of y^e inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on the 13: of march 1718-19 :1: deacon Daniel Redington was chosen moderator for that meeting

Leuit Thomas Beaker was chosen scholmaster for y^e yeare insuing

The Town agreed to deuide all the common Lands belonging to y^e Town of Topsfield both on the north and south side of Ipswitch Ruier and that all the free house holders

belonging to said Town of Topsfield shall haue an Equal share in said common Lands according to the Reats that haue been paid by the present free house holders and thire predesessors in the Estate that Each house hollder is att present possesed of euer sence the yeare :1715 pole money exemted voted

Amos Dorman Entered his Contrey Decent to this Last uot[e]

the Town agreed y^t thire shall be nithere tree or trees be cut down or sell on the Common Lands belonging to y^e Town of Topsfield on the penalty as the Law directs for Trespas in prepriety after the Date heareof before the first day of october next after the date heareof unless it be deuided before: voted

all The freeholders of y^e Town of Topsfield Qualified according to Law for voting are to Take notice to meet att thire meeting house next monday comfortnight which will be y^e thirtenth day of aprill next Ensuing the date heare of at nine of y^e clock in y^e morning

To see if there may be away found out in Lawe to end the diffarance that is betwen y^e Town and some pertickeler men who clame y^e title of y^e common Lands in y^e town of Topsfield to them selues and if not to find out away to know what y^e Titel is to the common Lands in y^e Town of Topsfield and complaint being made: y^t if y^e common be deuided it will be hurtfull to more then half the Town and therefore

To see if y^e Town will stand by thire Last vote for the diui[s]ion of the Common Land and to act as then shall be thought best in that matter 3 to take care that the Bounds be renewed about the parsonage and any other Thing or things that may be then thought benefissiall for the Town

Dat^d Topsfield march: th: 28: 1719 By order of y^e Selectmen Nathaniel Porter Town Clark Simon Bradstreet Constable

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on the 13: of Apriell: 1719

M^r Isaac Peabody was Chosen moderater for that meeting
voted

That Town agreed that thay would deuide y^e Common Lands in y^e Town of Topsfield according to y^e vot past on the: 13: of march: 1718-19 for Deuiding of said Common Lands uoted

John Hovey John Dwiniel Capt John How Amos Dorman and John Jeffords Entred thire Contrey Decent to this Last vot

The Town gaue Liberty to some young persons to build a seat ouer y^e gallery stairs in y^e Southwest Corner of y^e meeting house prouided y^t thay Seet in the Seat and Trobule no other seat in y^e meeting house prouided thay buld not the seat in the way of peoples going in to y^e gallery Namly John Perkins Nathaniel Auriell Nathaniel Redington Jacob Auriell Jacob Wilds

Sarg John Howlett and Sarg Zechchous Gould are Chosen to Joyn with y^e former Commity to new seat y^e meeting house Namly Ser^g Daniel Clark Corp Joseph Town and m^r Nathaniel Auriel uoted

The Town granted Liberty to Iovory Houey Nathaniel Borman and Jacob Robinson to seet up a seat between Nathaniel Porters pue and the west dore uoted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield that haue an Estate of freehold in Land within This Prouence or territory of forty Shillings peranaum at the Lest or other Estate to the value of fifty pounds sterling you are to take notis to meet at this meeting house on frie-day which will be the fifteenth of May at two of the clock in the after noon firstly to Chose a man to Represent them at at the Court house In Boston: 2^{ly} To Chuse Three men To serue at Ipswich Court two whereof to sarue upon the Gran Jury and one to serue upon the Jury of trials: 3^{ly} To see whether the Town will take Care of the wife of William Auriell: 4^{ly}: to se whether the Town will giue Liberty to sett up Pues under the front gallery

Simon Bradstreett
Constable of Topsfield

John Houey
in y^e name and by y^e
order of y^e Selectman of
Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on the: 15: of may: 1719 Capt Tobijah Perkins was Chosen moderator for y^e day voted

Ensine Timothy Perkins is Chosen representetive for y^e yeare insuing voted

Nathaniell Auriell and William Town is Chosen to sarue on y^e gran Jury at Ipswitch Court next voted

m^r Isaac Peabody is Chosen to Sarue on y^e Jury of Trialls at Ipswitch Court next uoted

The Town granted Liberty to y^e yong peöple that haue y^e Seats ouer y^e stares to make windows against e[a]ch seat under the plate Provided thay buld them at thire own cost and charge and repair them when thay want repairing at there own Cost and Charg uoted

At A Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on the: 18: day of September: 1719 Deac Samuel Howlett is Chosen moderator for said meeting uoted

Thomas Gould and Jesse Dorman is Chosen to Sarue on y^e Jury of Trialls at Newbery Court next uoted

y^e Town alowed to Qur^tmaster Epheriam Willds 00-14-8 uoted

The Town alowed to John Howlett for keeping the wife of William Auriel and Phisick 2-13-6 voted

The Town alowed to John Redington for a stamp to Seal Leather 0-3-0 uoted

The town alowed to William Auriel for Swepeing y^e meet- ing house 0-18-0 voted

The Town alowed to Deac Samuel Howlett 1-7-0 uoted

The Town alowed to Thomas Gould for mending y^e under pinning of y^e meeting house 0-4-0 uoted

The Town did manifest by a uot y^t m^r Capens Sallerey should be as it was y^e Last yeare voted

The Town allowed to John Houey for Keep y^e wife of William Auriel 0-16-0 voted

Qer^tmaster Epheraim Willds is Chosen ouerseare of y^e pore voted

The Town allowed to John Houey for gooing to Ipswitch about the high way 0-2-6 uoted

the Town did menifest by a vot y^t y^e people that belongs to y^e hind seat in y^e west gallerly to haue some of y^e old hinges to hang y^e gasements in y^e meeting house voted

We whose names are under writen haue been desired by m^r Edward Putnam Junier to Lay out a highway through his Land for him self and his naighbours being some of our Towns Inhabitants we haue accordingly laid a highway from the Gate that standeth upon s^d Edwards Land by y^e highway that cometh from y^e river and so along by y^e Easterly End of s^d Edwards house and so on till it goeth through the said Edwards Land as y^e path now goeth towards Salem

Jacob Town

Dated October: 23: 1719 Nathaniel Porter

Copia uari attst John Houey

Nathaniel Porter Town Clark Selectmen for Topsfield

Att a Lawfull Town meeting: 1: September: 1719:
m^r Isaac Peabody moderator:

The Town agreed that the selectmen shall rais a rate amounting to ten Pounds and commit it to y^e Constables to Colect for Ensin Timnothy Perkins Representiue y^t is due to him for going to Boston and y^e Rest to Lie in y^e Treasurers hands till further order for y^e Towns use

attest John Houey John Howlett Selectmen

Copia uari attest Nathaniel Porter Town Clerk

The freeholders and others Inhabitants of this Town are to Take notis to meet here at the meeting house next Tuesday y^e ninth of this Instant at tow of y^e clock in the after noon to preuent the Extravagant cutting down the wood and Timber upon the Common and Carring it out of Town and

to agree upon a suitable meethod for y^e preservation of y^e same in order to a deuition

Dated february: 2^d: 1719-20
Simon Bradstreet Constable

Jacob Town
Nathaniel Porter
John Hovey
John Howlett
Jacob Peabody
Selectmen of Topsfield

Att A Lawfull Town meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield the ninth of february 1719-20

Cap^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen moderator for y^e meeting
voted

Ephraim Willds and Daniel Clark is Chosen atorneys for y^e Town to prosecute any y^t has or may Carrey any wood or Timber of from our Common Land Contrery to Lawe
voted

The Town did manifest by a vot that if any wood or Timber Lays upon y^e ground of our Common Land after y^e Last of march next it shall be free for any man to Take away
voted

John Hovey entered his contrey desent to this Last vote

The freeholders and other Inhabitance of y^e Town of Topsfield Qualified according to Law for Voting are to take notice to meet at Our meeting house on Tuesday y^e first day of march next Ensuing y^e date heare of at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning 1st to Choose Town officers and to agree with some man to dig the graues and: 2^dly to Choose a comitie to settle bounds between proprietors and y^e Town Common that there be no Incroachment made on y^e Towns Common Land: 3: ly: to see if y^e Town will agree upon a method to divide the undivided Land on y^e south side of y^e River or the wood and Timber that is on it or else to see if y^e Town will proceed in y^e Division of all our undivided Common Land on Both sides of y^e River according to y^e Last vote y^t is Entred in our Town Book concerning it or to agree of upon any other way or Methode to Divide Improue or dispose the whole or any part of y^e Land that y^e mjer

part of the sositie shall then think to be most for y^e publick good 4^{ly}: To see if the Town will a Low m^r Edward Putnam his Demands for work done at y^e highways as a surveyor [217] and see how y^e Town will repair the [Highways] y^e future and to see if y^e Town will chuse men to prosecute any y^t has or shall carrey any wood or Timber of from our Town Common Land

Jacob Towne
Nath^{el} Porter
Jacob Peabody
John Howlett

Simon Bradstreet Constable John Hovey

Selectmen for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e first day of March: 1719-20

Cap^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen moderator for said meeting
voted

Nath^l Porter is Chosen Town Clark for y^e year Insuing
voted

William Porter and Jesse Dorman is Chosen Constables for y^e year Insuing
voted

Ephriam Willds Ivory Hovey Leu Joseph Gould Joseph Town and Elezar Lake is Chosen selectmen for y^e year Insuing
voted

Jacob Town Joseph Borman and Nath^l Auriel are Chosen Tithing men for the year insuing
voted

Thomas Robinson Joshay Town Isaac Peabody and Daniel Clark is Chosen seavairs for y^e high ways for y^e yeare insuing
voted

Elisha Perkins Jacob Robinson John Burton and John Nickcols is Chosen fence uiers for y^e yeare Insuing
voted

Benjamin How and John Perkins is Chosen field Driurs for the yeare Insuing
voted

John Redington is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e yeare Insuing
voted

Deac Samuel Howlett and Deac Daniel Redington is Chosen ouer seers of y^e Pore for y^e yeare Insuing voted

John Howlett Natha^{ll} Auriel and Natha^{ll} Porter is Chosen to Renew and Settell Bounds Betwen y^e propriators of Land Ajoyning upon y^e Common and to Looock and see if any Person has incroached any of y^e Towns Common and y^e Town dos giue them full power to renew and settel y^e Bounds betwen y^e Common and y^e propriators voted

Leu^t Thomas Baker is Chosen Scoolemaster for ye yeare insuing. voted

John Wilds and Joseph Robinson are Chosen to Looock after the horses from goeing at Large upon y^e Common Land in Topsfield and to prosecute y^e Breakers of that Law voted

Zacheus Gould is Chosen to didge the graues voted

The Town agreed to ajorn the meeting to the: 8: day of march Instant at Eight of the Clock in the forenoon voted

march the first: 1719-20 Nathaniel Porter was Sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of a Town Clark

Ephraim Willds Joseph Town Ivory Hovey Joseph Gould and Elezar Lake was sworn to the faithfull discharge of thire duty of being asesars

[218] Elisha Perkins John Nickcols and John Burton are sworn to y^e fathfull discharg of thire duty of fence uerues

Jesse Dorman and William Porter are sworn Constables

John Redington is sworn Sealer of Leather

Jacob Town Nathaniel Auriel and Joseph Borman are sworn Tithingmen

Daniel Clark Joshay Town and Thomas Robinson are sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of their duty as scruaours of the Highways

John Willds is sworn to the faithfull discharg of his duty

John Perkins is sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of his duty

Jacob Robinson is sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of his duty

this: 1: of march 1719-20: before the Selectmen

march the: 4: 1719-20 Town offesers before the Selectmen

Joseph Robinson was sworn to y^e faithfull discharg of his duty

at a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield it being on a Jornment from the first day of march Instant to this day:

Ephriam Willds and Daniel Clark are Chosen agents or attorneys for the Town to sue and prosecute all such as haue allredy or shall here after cut down any tree or trees or carry of any wood or timber of from our Town Common Land in Topsfield Contrery to Law and the Town will beare them out in all theire Lawfull proseedng in y^t mater voted

John Hovey is Chosen grand Jury man to Sarue at Ipswich Court on y^e Last Tusday of march Instant voted

Nath^l Auriel and Leu^t Thomas Baker is Chosen to Sarue on y^e Jury of Trilalls at y^e aboue sd Court voted

y^e Town agreed to Chuse a Commity to go to see a strip of Land upon m^r Bakers Cost voted

Elisha Perkins Ivory houeey and Joseph Town is Chosen for y^t purpose and make report at y^e next Town meeting thay or y^e mager part of them agreeing

The Town agreed to amend y^e highways belonging to sd Town of Topsfield by a reat for time to come voted

march y^e 8 1719-20 m^r Isaac Peabody was sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of his duty be fore y^e selectmen

The free holders and other inhabitants of our Town qualified acording to Law for voting are to take notis to meet here at the meeting house on friday next which will be the sixt day of may Ensuing the date here of at two of the clock

of noone then and there to Elect and depute one to serue for and represent them in a great and genrall Court to be holden at Boston upon wensday the Twenty fift day of may next Ensuing the date hereof: 2^{ly} By vartu of a Warant from the Clerk of the Superer Court you are to take notis to Chuse three good and Lawfull men to sarue on the Jures two on the grand Jure & one on the Jure of Trilas at the next Superer Court to be holden at Ipswitch on the third Tusday of may next: 3^{ly}: to see if our Town will pass a vot that if any of the Inhabitants of our Town shall hereafter harbor any Tranchant parson aboue two months without giueing notis to the Selectmen of the Town that they may be Prosecuted acording to Law then such Inhabitant shall be Liable to maintain such trainchant parson if they shall stand in need 4^{ly}: to see if the Town will take any Corse aboute the Rams and restrain them from going on our Town Common Land

Dated Topsfield April the 30: 1720

by order of the rest Selectmen of Topsfield Ephraim Wilds
Jesse Dorman Constable of Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on y^e: 6: day of may: 1720

Cap^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen moderator for y^e meeting
voted

Cap^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen Representitiue to sarue at y^e great and Genrall Court

Ephraim Willds and Elisha Perkins is Chosen to sarue on y^e grand Jurie at Ipswitch Court next
voted

John Howlett is Chosen to sarue on y^e Jurie of Trialls at Ipswitch Court next
voted

The Town agreed that if any man let his ram run at Large upon our Town Common Land after the Last of July: next to the first of nouember and whosoeuer shall Let his ram run at Large as afore sd his sd ram may be Taken up by any man of our Town and he shall pay five shillings or forfit his ram
voted

: the one half of the sum to him that takes up said ram
and y^e other half to the use of the Town voted

At a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Topsfield on the tenth of June: 1720

Deac: Daniel Redington is Chosen moderator for y^t
meeting

Cap^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen Representiue to sarue at y^e
great and generall Court to be holden at Boston

The Inhabitants of this Town such as are deuly qualified
acording to Law for Voting are to take notis to meet heare
at the meeting house next friday at three of the Clock in the
afternoon to make Choise of two good and Lawfull men to
sarue on y^e Jury of Trialls at the next Inferiour Court of
Pleas and genaral session to be holden at Newbury Within
and for the county of Essex September: the: 10: 1720

Jesse Dorman Constable of Topsfield

[220] At a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of
the Town of Topsfield on the: 16: day of September: 1720
Elezor Lake and Michel Dwinel is Chosen to serue on y^e
Jury of Trialls at Newbury Court on y^e Last tusday of Sep-
tember Instant

The inhabitants of this Town y^t are Qualified according to
Law for voating are required to meet at this meeting house
on friday y^e 4th of nouember next after y^e Date here of at
one of the Clock after noone first to aLow bills of Charge
2: ly to see if y^e Town will giue order for y^e shingling or
other wise Repairing of y^e House y^t William Avrell now
Liueth in: 3^{dly} to agree upon a day for y^e bringing stray Cre-
tours To y^e pound Dated Topsfield y^e: 26: of October:
1720

Iuory Houey in the name and by
order of the selectmen of Topsfield
Jesse Dorman Constable

At a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of y^e Town
of Topsfield on y^e: 4: day of nouember: 1720

Daniel Redington is Chosen moderator for y^e day

The Town alowed to Lieu^t Joseph Gould and Ephraim

Wilds Eight Shillings for going to Ipswitch abute Sarah Greenslit
voted 0 8 0

alowed to Ivory Houey foure shillings
voted 0 4 0

aLowed to Jesse Dorman for careing Sarah Greenslit out of Town five shillings
voted 0 5 0

aLowed to Jesse Dorman for waits and meshours seuenteen shilling
voted 0 17 0

aLowed to John Houey two shillings
voted 0 2 0

and to m^r Simon Bradstreet one shilling
0 1 0

and to John Howlett one shilling
0 1 0

and to Jacob Peabody two shilling
voted 0 2 0

The Town Left it to y^e selectmen to Repaire the house y^t William Auriell now Lives in
voted

The free holders and other inhabitants Qualified acording to Law for voting are to Take notis to meet here at the meeting house next tuesday which will be the fiveteen day of this month of nnumber at nine of y^e Clock in the forenoon first to aLow Bills of Charge secondly to see If the Town will aLow the nine pounds to add to m^r Capens sallery as formerly and thirdly to agree upon a day to bring in strays to the Pound Dated Topsfield Nouember: 11: 1720 By order of y^e rest of y^e selectmen Ephraim Wilds

Jesse Dorman Constable of Topsfield

At a Lawfull [220] Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on the: 15: day of Nouember: 1720

m^r Jacob Town is Chosen moderator for this meeting
voted

alowed to Will^m Auriel: 18: shillings for sweeping the meeting
voted

alowed to m^r Capen: Eighty pounds as his sallery was y^e two Last years
voted

alowed to Nath^l Auerel John Howlett and Nath^l Porter for Runing of Lines between the Common and Propriores and for paying artis[ts] one pound seventeen shillings and six pence
voted 01 17 6

alowed to m^r Nath^l Capen for mending the wach house
four shillings and six pence voted 00 4 6

alowed to Jonathan Willds one shilling and six pence for
meending the watch house voted 0 1 6

The Town agreed to bring in the marks of all the stray
Creatours that thay have at their houses unto the house of
Daniel Clark on the first Tuesday: 1720

We who are the subscribers hereof hauing complaint made
to us that Corp Jacob Towne has set up fence where the
road was formerly Laid Throw the southerly corner of his
Land we haue bin & vewed the place and do find that the
road may conveniently be altdred We do Lay out the afore
sd road to be where it is now ocipied on the south side of
Corp Town his fence as it doth now stand

Dated the: 24th: of nouember: 1720: Epraim Wilds
Ivory Houry

Copia uari attest Nath^l Porter Joseph Town Elezer Lake
Town Clark Selectmen of Topsfield

The Inhabitants of this Town qualified acording to Law
for voting are to take notis to meet here at the meeting
house next Tuesday which will be the twenty seventh day of
this month at two of the Clock after noon first to alow Cap^t
Perkins his Bill of Charge for going Representative Second-
ly to aLow pay for the repairing the house William Auriel
liueth in Thirdly to alow Pay for the making a paire of stcox
dated Topsfield December the twenty third 1720 in the name
and by the order of the Selectmen of Topsfield

Ephraim Wilds Clerk
Jesse Dorman Constable

At a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Topsfield on the: 27: day of December: 1720

The Town alowed Cap^t Perkins his Lawful demands for
going Representative this year voted

Alowed to M^r Nath^l Capen and Jonathan Willds for Re-
pairing y^e towns house y^t Will:^m Auriel now Lives in
voted 3 8 00

Alowed to John Willds for making the Towns stoock and
for finding y^e Iorns and Lock and bringing them to the
meeting house and for seeting up sd stoocks 01 04 00
voted

Ipswich the: 16: day of January: 1720-21

Received of Nathaniel Porter the full and just sum of one
pound and two shillings which is the full that was due to me for
Building the pew that is in the nouwest Corner of Topsfield
meeting house

I say Received by me Joseph Whipple

Copia vari attest Nath^l Porter Town Clark

[222] At a Lawfull Town meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e
Town of Topsfield on the 7th of March 1720-21

Cap^t Tobijah Perkins was chosen moderator for that meet-
ing voted

Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing
voted and Sworn

Joseph Robinson and Ezra Putnam are Chosen Constables
for y^e year Ensuing. voted. Michael Dwinell accepted and
Chosen Constable by the Town for Ezra Putnam voted

Thomas Gould Lieu Thomas Baker Ivory Hovey Amos
Dorman and Jacob Peabody are Chosen Selectmen for the
year Ensuing voted

Eliezer Lake Joseph Andrew and John Curtis are Chosen
Tithing men for y^e year Insuing voted

John Redington is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e Insu-
ing year voted

m^r Daniel Clark & Thomas Caves are Chosen Surveyers
of highways for y^e Insuing year voted

Thomas Robinson Nath^l Borman Eben^r Nickols and Thom-
as Perkins Jun^r are Chosen fence viewers for the year Insu-
ing voted

Cler Elisha Perkins is Chosen grand Juryman for y^e year
Insuing voted

Joshua Town and John Willds are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

Lieu^t Thomas Baker is Chosen Schoolmaster for the year Insuing voted

The Town agreed to pay to lieu^t Tho^s Baker fourty shillings for keeping School this present year voted

Eliezer Lake and Samuel Howlett are chosen Hogreeves for y^e year Insuing voted

Nat^l Porter Zacheus Gould and Amos Dorman are Chosen a Committe to agree with Edmond Towne and Richard Towne about a strip of Common land which sd Townses Improve and make return of their doings to the Town voted

The officers above Named Chosen to serve the Town for y^e year Insuing were all Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their Respective offices (Excepting John Curtis) on the 7th day and on y^e 13th day of March Currant before the Selectmen.

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawful Meeting of y^e Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on March 28th 1721 M^r Daniel Clark Chosen moderator for said meeting voted

Secondly. Nat^l Porter and Zacheus Gould are Chosen to Prosecute the brakers of that Law Relating to horses going on y^e Town Common voted

3ly the Town agreed that hogs should go at Large from y^e Last of October till the first of Aprill the year Insuing voted

Boston April 17th 1721 Rec^d of m^r Jesse Dorman Const: ^{le} of Topsfield

Twenty one Pounds Eight shillings & six pence in full for my ffather

£ 21—8—6

Jer^r Allen Treas: r

P Ja^s Allen

A true Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler for Topsfield

[223] Rec^d of Jesse Dorman Constable for y^e town of Topsfield by y^e hands of Ensign Tim^o Perkins the sum of seven Pounds Nine Shillings in full for y^e sd Town for County Rate
7 9 00

Ipswich April 13 1721

P John Appleton County
Treasu^r

Reced the 9th day of ffebruary 1720-21 of Jesse Dorman Constable of Topsfield the sum of three Pounds thirteen shilling and six pence

03 13 06

in answer to an order from y^e Selectmen of sd Town I say recived by us.

Nath^l Capen
Jonathan Willds

Jan^{ry} y^e 27th 1720-21 Reci^d of m^r Jesse Dorman Constable the Sum of one pound four shillings that was alowed to me for making the Towns Stocke. I say Rec^d By me John Wilds

Topsfield march 1: 1720-21 Recd of mr Jesse Dorman Constable of Topsfield the sum of two shillings w:ch sd Jesse was ordered to pay me out of the Town rate I say Rec^d by me
John Hovey

Rec^d This 2nd day of march 1720-21 of mr Jesse Dorman Constable of Topsfield the sum of four shillings in answer to an order from y^e selectmen of s^d Town; I say Recived By me
Ivory Hovey

The five Copyes above Entred are true attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

We whose names are under written being Chosen by y^e Town of Topsfield to run and Perambulate y^e lines between y^e Common and y^e Proprietors on y^e Aprill: 1720. a Line run by m^r Josiah Batcheller y^e artist

Begining at a great white oak Tree near to Tho^s Towns which is y^e old bound and so easterly 6 rods down to y^e meadow sides and from y^e afore sd white oak westerly: 40 rods to a stake and a heap of stones and at 70: rods a stake and heap of stones at 90: rods a stake and heap of stones at 110: rods a stake and a heap of stones at: 130: rods a stake and a heap of stones at 150: rods a stake and a heap

of stones and so on: 27: rods to a red oak Tree near to Michael Dwinells which is one of y^e old bounds: a white oak tree marked between y^e Red oak and y^e Last heap of stones mentioned y^e whole line on y^t side is: 183: rods: by this line we finde y^t Edmon Town has fenced in a strip of y^e Common land.

A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody	Nath ^l Averill
Town Clerk:	John Howlett
	Nath ^l Porter

The 7: day of Aprill: 1720: a line run by m^r Josiah Bacheler the Artist from y^e Red Oak, by Michael Dwinells: 27: poles westerly a stake and a heap of stones, at: 47 Rods a stake and a heap of stones: at 67 Rods a stake and a heap of stones: at 87 rods a stake and a heap of stones at: 107 Rods a stake and a heap of stones at: 127: rods a stake and a heap of stones: at: 147: a stake and a heap of stones: at: 167: a stake and a heap of stones at: 207 a stake and a heap of stones: at: 227: a stake & heap of stones at: 247: a stake and a heap of stones at 274: a stake and a heap of stones: at: 294: a stake and a heap of stones at: 314: a stake and a heap of stones at: 334: a stake and a heap of stones at: 354: a stake and a heap of stones at 374: a stake and a heap of stones at: 394: a stake and a heap of stones at: 414: a stake and a heap of stones at 434: Rods a stake and a heap of stones: at: 474: rods a stake and a heap of stones [224] And so: 20 Rods to the black oak by John Curtises: The whole line on y^t side is: 494 Rods from the Red or black oak by John Curtecis on a strait line to y^e Red oak by Michael Dwinells, We finde that Amos Dorman has fenced in a strip of the Common Land: and Jacob Towne has fenced in a piece of y^e Comon land, and part of his barn stands on y^e Common Land

Nath^l Averill
John Howlett
Nathaniel Porter

A true Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk for Topsfield

June. 27 day: 1720 We whose Names are under written being Chosen and Impowered by y^e Town of Topsfield to run Lines between y^e Common and the Proprietors we run a line between Lieu^t Tho^s Baker and y^e Comon: 12 foote from y^e corner of the stone wall that goeth into float meadow and from thence southerly about 80 Rods to a White oak with stones at it near the meadow Commonly called ten acre meadow and from thence about: 40 rods to a stake and a heap of stones and from thence southerly: 57 rods to a stake and a heap of stones and from thence about: 43 rods to a stake and a heap of stones: and from thence Southerly about 43 Rods to a stake and a heap of stones and from thence about: 60 Rods to a white oak Tree marked and from thence about: 84 rods to a black oak tree marked near bare hill plain

Nath^l Averill

John Howlett

Nathaniel Porter

A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Perambulation on the Bounds between Salem and Topsfield: and were impowered by y^e Selectmen of Each Town: whereas the Subscribers have Perambulated as may appear viz: Beginning at a Red oak Tree with a heap of stones at it Commonly called Crumwels Rock near the River, from thence to a heap of stones between Three white oak Trees by a great ash Swamp, then to a heap of Stones near Nichollas Brook, Then to a Dry tree with a heap of Stones at it near y^e head of Smiths meadow, then to a croocked Black oak tree near Wheel Brook, and then to a white oak tree with stones at near Wenham highway or causway: we have renewed all the above written bounds by casting more stones to Each Bound: as witness our hands

Dated April 17^{day} 1721

A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody James Houlton
Town Clerk: for Topsfield Daniel Epes

Topsfield May: 4—1721 By vertue of a warrant from y^e Clerk of y^e Superiour Court all y^e freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified according to Law for voting in our town are required to meet here at the meeting house next Wens-

day at three a Clock in y^e afternoon to chuse three good and Lawful men Each Whereof to have a real Estate of fourty shillings per annom or other Estate Worth fifty pounds Starling: one to serve on y^e grand Jury and two to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals

Joseph Robinson Constable

At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e 10th day of May 1721 Cap^t Tobijah Perkins was Chosen to Serve on y^e grand jury and Ensigne John Gould & m^r Daniel Clark are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Superiour Court to be holden at Ipswich on the third tuesday of May Instant voted

Received of Constable Jesse Dorman five pounds and ten Shillings in full of that money that was ordered him to pay to me for my being at the general Court Last year I say received by me Tobijah Perkins

Dated the 11th of May 1721

A true Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

[225] The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified according to Law for Voting are hereby notified and warned to meet here at y^e meetinghouse in Topsfield on munday next which will be y^e fiveteenth day of this Instant may at two of y^e Clock in the afternoon, 1st to Chuse a Representative. 2^{ly} to see if y^e town will Justifie the Selectmen in their not Perambulating or renewing the bounds between Towns Topsfield & Boxford as y^e law directs or consider of some other way & act as the Town shall see cause in y^t regard. 3ly: to Chuse a Committee to Receive the Loan money that shall fall to y^e share of our Town of Topsfield & to agree upon some method for y^e disposing or Improving the same as the Town shall see cause: also to alow bills of charge attest y^e Selectmen of Topsfield

dated y^e 9th May 1721

Thomas Gould
Thomas Baker
Amos Dorman

Joseph Robinson Constable

At a Legal meeting of y^e Inhabitants of the Town of Tops-

field on May 15th 1721 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen to Represent the Town at y^e generall Court voted

The Town agreed to send for our towns part of y^e fifty thousand pounds in bills of Credit according to an act made & passed at y^e general Court in March 1720 voted

Lieu^t Joseph Gould, Lieu^t Tho^s Baker, & Serg^t John Howlett are Chosen Trustees to Receive y^e said money in behalf of y^e Town; and said Trustees shall Let out sd money at four per cent: per annum and not to let above twenty pounds nor under five Pounds of sd money to any person whatsoever; and take such security as y^e Law Directs: and Shall not let out any of sd money to any out Towns person. and also y^e said Trustees shall keep no more of sd money for their own perticuler use then is allowed to any other person. and shall render an account to y^e town of their proceeding in y^t matter annually as the Law Directs voted

the Town agreed to stand by and bear out y^e Selectmen in what they have done relating to Renewing bounds with boxford this year voted

the Town ordered y^e Selectmen to draw three pounds twelve shillings out of the Town Treasury for Cap^t Tobijah Perkins voted

Mr Isaac Peabody mr John Hovey & mr Daniel Clark are chosen a Committee to see if Boxford will Joyn with them to Petition to y^e general Court to throw up the Resolve of said Court relating to the line between Topsfield and Boxford voted

Topsfield April: 24th: 1721 We the Subscribers were appointed by y^e Selectmen of Topsfield to meet the Selectmen of Boxford to perambulate and renew bounds we did accordingly meet at Cap^t Perleys and went and renewed all y^e bounds we could find with them Elisha Perkins

A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Daniel Clark
town Clerk

Topsfield May 19th 1721

By vertue of a precept from Colo: Denison Sheriff The Inhabitants of this Town Qualified acording to Law for Voting. you are notified & warned to meet here at the meeting house next Tuseday which will be y^e 23 day of this instant May at Eleven of the Clock in forenoon to Chuse a Representative to Serve at the great & general Court at Boston Thomas Gould Amos Dorman Thos Baker Selectmen of Topsfield Joseph Robinson Constable

[226] At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e 23: day of May 1721 Cap^t Tobijah Perkins is Chosen Representative for y^e town for y^e year Ensuing voted

We whose Names are under written being appointed by the Selectmen of our Severall Towns: viz, Wenham and Topsfield to Renew and Perambulate bounds between our Respective towns, as the Law Directs, have according Attended Said Service, and have renewed the bounds from A heap of stones Near to M^r Porters Meadow, according to a Settlement in: 1682: about 15 or 16 Pole Southerly from y^e white Oak Tree the Corner bounds between Salem and Topsfield. to y^e plump of maples near Charles gotts meadow and so as the Brook Runs by a maple Stube by the way going over into the meadow to a stake and heap of stones in y^e Brook from thence to the Southeasterly Corner of Pigdens meadow to a stake and a heap of stones and so to the river according to y^e settlement in the year 1694. Which bounds we do agree unto

as Wittness our hands

John How }
Jacob Town } for
John Curtis } Topsfield

Samuel Kimball }
Tho^s Tarbox } for
Daniel ffisk } Wenham

May y^e 23: 1721

A true Copy as attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Received of m^r Jesse Dorman Constable of Topsfield
Eight Shillings we say received by us Ephraim Willds
March 7th 1720-21 Joseph Gould

March 7th 1721 Received of Constable Dorman Eighteen

shillings in money for sweeping of the meeting house I say
Received by me William Averill

Received of m^r Jesse Dorman Constable of Tops^d one shilling ordered by the Selectmen to me Simon Bradstreet

febr^y 20th 1720-21, Received of m^r Jesse Dorman Constable of topsfield two shillings in money which the Selectmen ordered him to pay to me

I say Received by me Jacob Peabody

These four receipts last Entred are true copies attest Jacob Peabody town Cler

The freeholders and other inhabitants of this town such as are Qualified According to Law for Voting are hereby notified to meet here at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e Eighth day of this Instant August: at two of y^e Clock in the afternoon

1 to Chuse a Representative: 2 to see if the Town will give Liberty for y^e Erecting of a Seat at Each End of the pulpit.

Dat. August y ^e 1: 1721	Amos Dorman	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Joseph Robinson Constable	Thoma Gould	
	Thomas Baker	

At a Legal meeting of y^e inhabitants of Topsfield August 8th 1721 Cap^t Tobijah Perkins was chosen Representative

[227] At a Lawfull meeting of y^e Inhabitance of y^e town of Topsfield on September 12th 1721 Nat^l Averill and Ensigne Timothy Perkins were chosen to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at y^e next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbury voted

At a Legal meeting of y^e Inhabitan of y^e town of Topsfield on October 10 1721 Ephraim Willdes and Jacob Towne were Chosen to serve on y^e grand Jury and Nat^l Porter is Chosen to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Superiour Court to be holden at Salem voted

There being nothing done nor to be done but Jurymen to be Chosen the two last meetings. Therefore y^e notification was not Entered.

The freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town such

as are Qualified according to Law for voting are hereby notified & warned to meet here at y^e meeting house in Topsfield next teusday Come fourtnight at two of y^e Clock in the afternoon which will be the Seventh day of November next:

1st: To alow bills of Charge

2^{ly} To See if y^e town will Pass a vote for the preventing of any Peson Coming into town to be a Town Charge

Topsfield October y^e 23: 1721

Tho: Baker

in y^e name of the Select

Joseph Robinson Constable

men of Topsfield

Att a Legal meeting of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e 7th of November 1721

the Town alowed to Cap^t How 2 shillings for perambulating with Wenham

The Town alowed to Jacob Perkins 16 shillings for mending y^e meeting house glass this year voted 00-16-00

the Town alowed Nat^l Capen 9^s-6^d for work iron and oyl & Spanish Brown to fit up the meeting house vein

voted 00-9-06

the Town alowed to William Averill 18 shillings for sweeping y^e meeting house voted 18-00

the Town alowed to Qu: master Ephraim Wilds & Amos Dorman for perambulating with Salem Last Spring

voted 00-04-00

the Town alowed to Elisha Perkins & Daniel Clark for going to Perambulate with Boxford this year voted 00-04-00

y^e Town alowed to Thomas Gould & Ivory Hovey 4 shillings for Perambulating with Ipswich this year

voted 00-04-00

The Town alowed to Jacob Town & John Curtis one shilling & six pence to each for perambulating with Wenham

voted 00-03-00

the town alowed to m^r Capen Eighty pound in Passable money for his work in the ministry this year voted 80-00-00

the Town gave the Selectmen power to alow Cap^t Tobijah Perkins his Lawful Demands for serving y^e town at the general Court this year voted

Ipswich November y^e 6th 1721

Wee the subscribers being appointed by y^e Town of Ipswich & Topsfield to perambulate y^e Line between said towns have accordingly met & perambulated [228] the Line & renewed the marks & bounds between said Towns by throwing Each of us a stone at y^e severall trees on y^e sd bounds Which Wee find to be agreeable to & exact with the antient bound formerly settled as Witness our hands

Thos Gould

Nat^l Hart

Ivory Hovey

John Kimball

Entred P Jacob Peabody Town Cler

Recevid of m^r Jesse Dorman as Constable for Topsfield for y^e year 1720 y^e full of what was Committed to him to Collect for my use & for y^e year aforesaid I say Received y^e full as afores: d this 16th Jan^{ry}: 1721-2 per me

Joseph Capen

A true Copy: Entered by Order of Selectmen

Jacob Peabody Town Clr

Boston May 24th 1720.

Rec:d of mr Simon Bradstreet constable of Topsfield P m^r Tobijah Perkins Fourteen pounds, six shillings and six pence in full For my ffather Jer Allen Treasurer

P Ja^s Allen

£ 14-6-0

Rec:d of m^r Simon Bradstreet late Constable of Topsfield the sum of two pounds ten shillings and six pence which with other Receipts is in full of all that was due to me as Town Treasurer

I say Rec:d this 23^d day of Novem^r 1721 per me

John Gould Town Treas^r

the two Copies Last Entred are true Copies attest Ja Peabody Town Cler

To M^r Joseph Robinson Constable of Topsfield greeting &c you are hereby Required in his Majesis Name: forthwith to warn the freeholders and other inhabitation of Topsfield, on y^e north side of y^e River; Qualified as y^e Law Directs for Voting in the perticulers hereafter named to meet at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on y^e first Tuseday of march

next after the date hereof at Eight of the Clock in the morning on sd day

1st to Choose Town officers as the Law Directs

2ly to Chuse Men to reckon with Mr Ephraim Willds and Mr Daniel Clark they having money in their hands to be Disposed of by the Town.

3ly to Choose a County Treasurer. 4thly to see if the Town will agree that the Proprietors shall Divide all the undivided Common Land in Topsf^d according to the rule they have already Voted to Divide by: with this addition; viz with adding Poll money, for one Poll to Each freehold according as they have paid to them Rats which the proprietors agreed to Divid by

Dat: Topsfield ffeb: 19th 1721-2

Amos Dorman	} Selectmen of Topsf:d
Thomas Gould	
Ivory Hovey	
Thomas Baker	

Essex Topsfield march 6th 1721-2

By Vertue of this warrant I have warned the Inhabitance of Topsfield on the north side of y^e river to meet according to time & place within mentioned

Joseph Robinson Constable

[229] At a Lawfull and annual Town meeting of Inhabitants of Topsfield being Leagally warned and convened together on March y^e 6: 1721-2

M^r Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for said meeting
voted

Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing
and sworn voted

Thomas Dwinel and David Baultch are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing
voted

Serg^t Jn^o Howlett m^r Isaac Peabody Lieu^t Tho Baker Jn^o Nichols and Qu:master Ephraim Willds are Chosen Selectmen for the year Ensuing
voted

Serg^t Ivory Hovey Cap^t Tho^s Robinson and Timothy Perkins Sen^r are chosen tythingmen for the year Ensuing
voted

Serg^t Amos Dorman is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing
voted

Tobijah Perkins Jacob Estey Eben^r Nicholls and mr Simon Bradstreet are Chosen Sirveyors of highways for the year Ensuing voted

Samuel Howlet Jacob Dorman and Jn^o Curtis are Chosen fence viewers for the year Ensuing voted

the Town agreed that y^e Proprietors shall divide all y^e undivided Common Land in Topsfield: according to the Rules, that the s:d proprietors have already agreed to divide by voted

Jesse Dorman and Joseph Andrew are Chosen hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

the Town agreed that the present Selectmen shall Reckon with Mr Ephraim Willds and mr Daniel Clark: and Receive the towns money: they have in their hands for the Towns Use voted

Serg^t John Howlett and Nath^l Borman are Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryals and Tho: Gould is Chosen to serve on y^e grand Jury at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

Jn^o Curtis is Chosen Schoolmaster and accepted for the year Ensuing voted

Lastly the Town agreed to give John Curtis one pound for being Schoolmaster the year ensuing voted

The above named Selectmen, Constables, Tythingmen, Sealler of Leather and Surveyers of highway, fence viewers, and Hogreeves did all take the oath belonging to their Respective offices before the Selectmen and Town Cleik on y^e sixth day & on y^e ninth day of march. 1721-2

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as are Leagally Quallified for Voting are hereby Notified and warned to meet here at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on friday next at three of the Clock in y^e Afternoon which will be the Twenty third day of this Instant: To see if the Town will give Liberty for swine to go at Large according as the Law gives Liberty

Tops:^d March y^e 16: 1721-2

David Baltch } Constable	} of Topsfield	Isaac Peabody Ephraim Willds John Howlett Tho Baker	} Selectmen of Topsfield
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At a Lawful town meeting in topsfield march 23: 1721-2

The town gave Liberty for swine to go at Large within the bounds of Topsfield for y^e year following according as the Law gives Liberty voted

[230] The freeholders and other inhabitation of this Town such as are Leagally Qualified according to Law for voting: are hereby Notified & warned to meet here at the meeting house in Topsfield on fryday next at two of y^e Clock in the afternoon, which will be the Eleventh Day of this Instant m^o

1 To Choose a Representative: to serve for: & represent This Town in a great and generall Court: in Boston: 2^{ly} To Choose three good and Lawfull Men One to Serve on the grandiury and two on the Jury of Tryals at y^e next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Ipswich for y^e Court of Essex Tops: 4 May y^e 4: 1722 Thomas Baker

by order of the Selectmen of
David Balch Constable of Topsfield Topsfield

At a Leagall Town meeting in Topsfield on May 11th 1722. Cap^t John How was Chose moderator for sd meeting voted

Mr Daniel Clark is Chosen to represent the Town at the general Court the next sessions voted

Qu: master Ephraim Willds is Chosen to Serve on the grand Jury voted and Jacob Dorman & Jacob Robinson are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Trials at the Next Superiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield September: 14th 1722 Jacob Estey & Joseph Knight are Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery voted

Boston June 7th 1722

Rec^d of m^r Michaell Dwinell Const^a of Topsfield P m^r Daniel Clark Nine Pounds seven shill:s & Eleven pence in full ffor my ffather Jer Allen Treasu^r

P Ja^s Allen

Rec^d of Michael Dwinell Constable for Topsf^d three pound four shillings six pence for the County Rate by me John Appleton July 5th 1722

Topsf^d March y^e 6 1721 or 2

Then Rec^d of m^r Michael Dwinell Constable for topsf^d the sum of two Pounds five Shillings I say Rec^d by me for my ffather m^r Tobijah Perkins

by order of the Selectmen Tobijah Perkins Jun^r

The three receipts Last Entered are true Copies attest

Ja: Peabody Town Cle:

The freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town such as are Leagally Quallified according to Law for voting are hereby Notified & warned to Meet here at y^e meeting house in Topsf^d on y^e next Tuseday Comfortnight at twelve of y^e Clock on sd day: which will be the Sixteenth Day of October next Ensuing y^e date hereof: first to allow Bills of Charge

2ly to see if y^e town will add nine pound to m^r Capens Sallary as formerly

3ly To see if y^e Town will accept & confirm by a vote the Proprietors Divisions of the Common Lands in Topsfield

4ly as also To Confirm the Exchange of the Parsonage.

Topsf^d September y^e 28: 1722 David Balch Constable of Topsfield Tomas Baker by: Order of y^e Selectmen of Topsfield.

[231] Examined and Entred by me Jacob Peaboby Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield being Leagally warned and convened together on y^e 16th of October 1722

Dec Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for the meeting

the town Allowed to Cap^t Tobijah Perkins four pound for serving at y^e general Court

the town Allowed seven shillings to Mary Averill, widow of William Averill Deceased for his sweeping the meeting house about four months before he died

the town Allowed to Samuel Howlet seven shillings for sweeping the meeting [house] from y^e fifteenth of July till

this time—and two shillings & six pence for mending y^e Lock of the meeting house Door & for mending the hinges of y^e Pound gate voted 0 9 6

the town Allowed Nine pound to add to m^r Capens salary to make the Whole Sum Eighty pounds for this year voted

The Town allowed two shillings to Thomas Gould which sd Gould paid to M^r Capen for Isaac Comings Jn^r of Ipswich he being rated so much and refusing to pay it voted 0 2 0

The Town did accept of and confirm by a vote the Proprietors Devisions of the Common Lands in Topsfield together with y^e sale of y^e Land made by the Proprietors Committee for the defraying of the Charges of sd Divisions, that so the Purchassors, and Each Proprietor, May hence forth and forever, hereafter injoy their Lotts; of sd Sale, & Divisions; according to the butts, and bounds thereof: Made by the Proprietors Committe, to each Proprietor, & purchassor, according to the return of the Proprietors Committe in the Proprietors Book of Records in Topsfield voted

Daniel Clark William Town Jacob Town Joseph Town & Edmond Town and Joshua Town & Amos Dorman & Thomas Dwinel all Entred their Contrary Decents, to y^e Last Vote above Entered

The Town accepted & confirmed by a vote. the Exchange of the Parsonage Lands in Topsfield according to the bounds thereof as it is returned in y^e Proprietors Book of Records in Topsfield voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Duly Quallified for voting are hereby Notified to meet here at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday next it being y^e Eleventh Day of this Instant Decem^{br} at one of the Clock in the after noon

To see what y^e Town will see cause to Do or how to Dispose of the interest of the Loan money of said Town: Which is now in the Trustees hands

To allow Bills of Charge also to act upon anything that y^e town shall then see cause

Topsf^d Decem^r y^e 8th 1722

David Balch Constable of Topsfield Thomas Baker P or-
der & in y^e name of y^e Selectmen of Topsf^d

A true Copy attest Ja:^b Peabody T Clerk

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield: Decem:^r y^e
11th: 1722

M^r Isaac Peabody is Chosen moderator for sd meeting
voted

The Town agreed that y^e Last years interest of the Towns
Loan money shall go to pay the Towns Debts voted

The town allowed to Lieut Joseph Gould for fetching y^e
Towns money from Boston in the year 1721 ten shillings
voted 00 10 00

The Town allowed two shillings six pence to m^r Elisha
Perkins for the Iron Staples and bolt which is in the meeting
house Door voted 00 02 06

[232] Wee the Subscribers being Desired by the Neigh-
bours of M^r John Nickols to Lay Out and turn y^e highway
as it goes up M^r John Nickols hill, and both Parties with the
Selectmen, have agreed as followeth: Beginning at a white
oak tree about four Rods from the Bridge, so from y^e white
oak tree, two rods sowwest and so from y^e East Side of the
old Road two Rods sowwest: so as the Road runs to a Rock
by y^e road sowwest. So running on a strait Line on that
corse to a Rock about one pole from A great flat Rock on
y^e south side of y^e way and from that Rock two pole East

Ephraim Willds

Tops:^{ld} June y^e 27th 1722

Thomas Baker

A True Copy of the return attest

John Howlett

Ja^{cb} Peabody Town Clerk

At a Lawfull Town meeting of y^e Inhabitance of the Town
of Topsfield on y^e 2^d Day of Jan^y 1722-3

The Town allowed to y^e Revered M^r Joseph Capen three
shillings per week for keeping y^e widow Mary Averill from
the fifteenth Day of July Last till this present time voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of
Topsf:^d Duly Quallified as y^e Law Directs for voting:
are hereby notified & warned to meet here at y^e meet-
ing house in Topsfield: on y^e first Tuseday In March next
Ensuing, at Eight of y^e Clock on said Day which will be

y^e next Tuseday Come seven night. 1ly To Chuse Town officers as y^e Law Directs.

2ly To Choose jurymen for Ipswich Court.

3ly To see if y^e Town will agree upon any way or method: how they may make improvement of y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield or Lay Restriction that no wood be cut thereon: nor Rocks Carried off

4ly To see if y^e Town will answer any Petition y^t may be offer^d at sd meeting also to act upon any other thing or things y^t may then be thought needfull

	Ephraim Willds	} Select-
Topsfi ^d febr ^y y ^e 23 1722-23	John Howlett	
David Balch Constable of Topsfield	Tho: Baker	
		} men of Topsfi ^d

At A Lawfull & annual Town meeting of y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield March fift 1772-3 first Decⁿ John Howlett is Chosen moderator for s:d meeting

Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing

Corp^l Jacob Robinson & Benjⁿ Knight are Chosen Constables for y^e year ensuing

Corp^l Nath^l Borman Deaⁿ Jn^o Howlett Thomas Gould Elisha Putnam and Jacob Peabody are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing

John Hovey Edward Putnam & David Balch are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year ensuing

Serg^t Amos Dorman is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing

Joseph Andrew Jacob Dorman Tho^s Dwinel & Francis Peabody are Chosen Surveyers of highways for y^e year Ensuing

Clerk Elisha Perkins Corp: Joseph Town & Lieu^t Tho: Baker are Chosen fence viewers for ye year Ensuing

[233] Serg^t Ivory hovey is Chosen to serve on y^e grand jury for y^e year ensuing and Benj Town & John Willds is Chosen to serve on y^e jury of tryals at ye next inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich

The Town agreed that no parson shall cut down any tree or trees that are growing or standing on y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield: under y^e pennalty of y^e Law in Case of such Trespass on any proprietors Land

The Town agreed that no Parson shall dig or Carry of any stones or rocks from of y^e Parsonage above sd under the Pennalty of ten shilling per load for Every Load so dug or carried of
voted

The Town agreed to fence in all y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield with a Leagall stone wall—or other sufficient fence by y^e fift of march in 1724
voted

and also the Town agreed to fence in sd Parsonage Land by y^e same rule and the same ten years Rates that y^e Last Divisions of y^e Common Lands in Topsfield was divided by
voted

and M^r Nath^l Porter Lieu^t Tho: Baker & mr Edward Putnam are Chosen a Com:itty to Apportion and Let to Every man his Proportion to fence about y^e above sd parsonage according to the rule as is above Expresed
voted

The Town allowed to Tobijah Perkins jun^r six shilling for Timber to mend the Bridge by Decⁿ John howlets in y^e year 1722
voted o 6 o

The Town granted Liberty to y^e inhabitants of Topsf^d on y^e South Side of y^e River, to Build a Pound where it may be most convenient for sd inhabitants and the Town will pay y^e Charge
voted

John Clark & Eben Nickols are Chosen Hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing
voted

Jacob Peabody being Chosen Town Clerk was sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of y^t office before y^e Selectmen Corp^l Nath^l Borman Dec Jn^o Howlett Thomas Gould Elisha Put-

nam & Jacob Peabody being Chosen Selectmen were Sworn Assessors before the Last years Selectmen Corp^l Jacob Robinson and Benj Knight being Chosen Constables were sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of their office before y^e present Selectmen

Jn^o Hovey Edward Putnam & David Balch being Chosen tythingmen were sworn to ye faithfull discharge of their office before y^e present Selectmen

Joseph Andrew Jacob Dorman Tho: Dwinell & Francis Peabody being Chosen Surveyers of highways were Sworn to y^e faithful discharge of their office before the present Selectmen Clerk Elisha Perkins & Lieu^t Thomas Baker and Corp^l Joseph Town being Chosen fence viewers were Sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of their office before y^e present Selectmen John Clark and Eben: Nickols being Chosen hog-reeves were sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of their Office before y^e present Selectmen the persons above Named that were sworn were all sworn on y^e fift and on y^e Eighth Days of March 1722-3

attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Sarg^t Amos Dorman being Chosen Sealer of Leather was sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of that office before y^e Selectmen on y^e 25 day of March 1723

The free holders and other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified as y^e Law Directs for Voting: are hereby notified to meet at y^e meeting house in Topsfield: on Munday y^e twentyfift day of March Currant at two of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon first to Choose and agree with a Schoolmaster. 2ly to see if the Town will give Liberty for Swine to go at Large. 3ly to see if the Town will Lett y^e Parsonage to Either of those men that Lately appeared to Hire it or Else return their Earnest money [234] 4ly To Choose men and impower them to make y^e fence about the Parsonage Land in Topsfield, where any person or Persons shall Refuse or neglect, to make his or their proportion of sd fence according to y^e Town order at y^e Last Town Meeting in Topsfield.

Jacob Robinson Constable of Topsfield

Jacob Peabody by order of y^e rest of y^e Selectmen of
Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e 25 of March
1723 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this
meeting voted

Mr John Hovey is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year En-
suing and the Town agreed with s:d Hovey for twenty shill-
ings for being Schoolmaster voted

The Town agreed that Swine may go at Large according
as the Law gives Liberty voted

the Town ordered that Samuel Bradstreet should have his
money that he Laid down to the Town, as Earnest for y^e
Parsonage voted

The Town Ordered that Corp^l Eliezer Lake should have
his money that he Laid down to y^e Town as Earnest for the
parsonage voted

The freeholders and other inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops-
field Such as are Qualified as y^e Law Directs for voting; are
hereby Notified, to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield
on Wednesday y^e Eighth of May Currant at two of y^e Clock
in y^e afternoon; first to Chuse a Representative 2ly to
Choose jurymen for Ipswich Court; and also to act upon
any other thing or things that y^e Town shall then think
needfull and Proper to be done.

Dat ^d Topsfi ^d May y ^e 3 ^d 1723.	Thomas Gould	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Jacob Robinson Constable.	John Howlet	
	Elisha Putnam	
	Nathaniel Borman	
	Jacob Peabody	

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfi^d May: 8th 1723 first
Decⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

En: Timothy Perkins is Chosen to Represent the Town
at y^e General Court at their several Sessions y^e year Ensuing:
voted

Decⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen to Serve on y^e grand
jury and Edward Putnam and Nath^l Porter are Chosen to
Serve on y^e jury of Tryals at y^e next Superior Court to be
holden at Ipswich
voted

Boston May y^e 7th: 1723 then Rec^d of Mr Allen Treasur-
er four Pounds in Bills of Credit, it being so much due to
y^e Town of Topsfield, for a Wolf Killed in sd Town: in part
for my serving at y^e General Court in the year 1722: by or-
der of the Selectmen of Topsfield

I say Rec^d by me Daniel Clark

Exam:^d and Entred by me Jacob Peabody Town Clerk
for Topsfield

Rec^d of Thomas Dwinell Constable of Topsfield the sum of
four Pounds Nineteen shill^s & four pence in full for y^e County
Rate for y^e s:d Towne for y^e year 1722

Ipswich may 22: 1723 P John Appleton County treas^r

A true Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

[235] At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Sept^r y^e 10th
1723 Corp^l Nath^l Borman & Serg^t Zacheus Gould are chosen
to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferior Court to be
holden at Newbery within and for y^e County of Essex

The freeholders and others inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops-
field such as are Leagally Qualified for voting are hereby
Notified & warned to meet at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield,
on fryday y^e Twenty fift day of October Current at Twelve
of y^e Clock on sd day. first to Agree upon some way and
Method for y^e fencing in & improveing y^e Parsonage Land in
Topsfield and for building a house on said Parsonage land

To Chuse men and impower them to Prosecute in the Law any Person or Persons that have Already Dug or Carried of any stones or rocks from of y^e above said Parsonage Land: in Topsfield: or that shall hereafter Presume to Dig or Carry of any stones or rocks from of y^e above said Parsonage Land: Contrary to ye Town order made on y^e fift Day of Last March To give some further instructions or Order to y^e Trustees viz Cap^t Joseph Gould Cap^t Thomas Baker & Dea John Howlet for their future Proseeding in Letting out y^e Towns money: To allow to y^e Reverend Mr Joseph Capen Nine pound as formerly. And also to allow bills of charge. and to act upon any of y^e Particulars Above Mentioned as y^e town shall then think best.

Dat: Topsfield October the 14 1723

Jacob Robinson Constable

Thomas Gould } Slecet-
Nath^a Borman } men of
Jacob Peabody } Topsis^d

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield: October y^e 25: 1723 first Dea John Howlett is chosen Moderator for this meeting. voted

The Town agreed that y^e Trustees viz: Cap^t Joseph Gould Cap^t Thomas Baker & Dea^a John Howlett shall Let out y^e towns money at one shilling upon the pound for interest: by y^e year for the future and to Let out said money but from year to year as they shall receive orders from y^e Town. and y^e some or Sums of sd money to Let: to be as y^e Town hath formerly agreed upon: voted

The Town allowed to y^e Reverend M^r Joseph Capen nine pounds to add to his salary for this year voted

the Town allowed to Joseph How one pound three shillings for sweeping y^e meeting house one year past voted 01 3 0

The Town allowed to Elisha Putnam a former Constable twelve Shillins and six pence it being an allowance for Nathan Kennes Rates voted 00 12 06

The Town allowed to Jacob Perkins: five shillins & six pence for mending y^e Meeting house glass in y^e year 1721
voted 00 05 06

the town allowed to Qua^{ster} Nath^l Borman two shillings for giting a warrant Entred at y^e Quarter sessions at Newbery this year
voted 00 02 00

The Town allowed to mr Jacob Robinson Constable one shilling for warning John Pickit out of Town voted 00 01 00

Boston July, 1^s 1723

Rec^d of M^r David Balch Constable of Topsfield Twenty Pounds twelve shillings & nine pence in full for my Master Jer: Allen Treasurer. £ 20-12-9 P Geor: Rogers

Rec:d of Mr David Balch as Constable for Topsfield for y^e year 1722 y^e full & just sum of three pounds twelve shillings which he was Ordered by the Selectmen of Topsfield for y^e year afore said to Collect & Deliver to me I say rec:d y^e sum above said this 12th of March 1722-3 per me Joseph Capen

Topsfield. May 27: 1723: then Rec^d of David Baltch Constable two shillings in full of what was Ordered to me by y^e Selectmen. I say recivd By me Thomas Gould

These three Receipts Last Entred are true Copies: Examined:

P Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

[236] Topsfield October: 15 1723 Then Rec^d of Constable Balch for serving at the General Court the Sum: sixteen pound seven shillings in full what was Ordered him to Pay me I say rec^d by me

Daniel Clark

Topsfield May y^e 18 day 1723 Rece^d of David Baltch Constable y^e sum of seven shillings in full which was ordered to me by y^e Selectmen for my husband Averills sweeping y^e meeting house:

I say reci^d by me y^e widow Mary Averill

Topsfield ffebruary: 14: 1722-3 Rec^d of David Balch Constable Nine shillings and Six pence in full of what was ordered to me by y^e Selectmen

I say rec^d by me Samuel Howlett

Topsfield August: 17: 1723 Rec^d of David Balch Constable y^e sum of two shillings & six pence in full of what was ordered to me by y^e Selectmen of y^e Town I say Rec^d by me Elesha Perkins These four Recipts, above Entred, are true Copies: Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders & other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified as y^e Law Directs for Voting are hereby Notified to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield: on Tuesday y^e tenth Day of December Current at twelve of y^e Clock on s:d Day: first To Chuse an Agent or Agents to Answer to y^e Towns Presentment for not being Provided with a grammar School-master. 2^{ly} to agree upon some Method to Improve y^e intrest of y^e towns Loan money 3^{ly} to allow bills of Charge

Dat: Topsfield Decem ^r : 4 th 1723	Thomas Gould	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Jacob Robinson Constable of	John Howlett	
Topsfield	Jacob Peabody	

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Decem^r 15th 1723. first Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen moderator for this meeting voted

Deaⁿ Jn^o Howlett & Mr. Nath^l Porter are Chosen Agents for y^e town to appear at y^e next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem to answer to y^e Towns Presentment for not being provided with a grammer Schoolmaster voted

The town agreed that y^e Selectmen shall Recive the intrest of y^e Towns Loan money of the Trustees: & pay the Towns Debts therewith as far as it will go voted

the Town agreed that y^e Selectmen shall raise money to pay y^e Representative this year: voted

the Town allowed one shilling to Joseph How for mending y^e meeting house Latch voted

Whereas Thomas Demsi was rated in y^e year 1722 to Several Rates y^e sum of nine shillings & six pence: and sd Demsi then being & still is in his Majesties Service so that y^e Constable cannot yet recover sd Demsis rats Therefore the Town allowed to David Baltch Constable, nine shillings & six pence
o 9 6 voted

the Town granted Liberty to Mr Nath^l Porter Joseph Town & others to sit up a stable near to m^r Capens fence
voted

The Town granted Liberty to Thomas Gould & Cap^t Joseph Gould to set up a stable near y^e Little Pond on y^e south of y^e meeting house
voted

Decem^r 31: 1723 Then Rec:^d of y^e Select men by y^e hand of Thomas Gould for part of my wages for going Representative: the sum of Nine pound six shillings: I say rec:^d by me Timothy Perkins

Received of mr David Baltch as Constable for Topsfield y^e full of what was Committed to him to Collect for my use for y^e year 1722 I say rec:^d in full this 18: Day of feb^{ry} 1723-4 per me Joseph Capen

These two receipts Last Entred are true Copies attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

[237] The freeholders & other inhabitants of this Town Such as are Quallified as y^e Law Directs for Voting are hereby Notified to meet at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e third of March next after the Date hereof at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning first to Choose a Town Treasurer & other Town officers as y^e Law directs

To Chuse a Committe to Seat People in the Meeting house

To See if y^e Town will Chuse a Committe to Settle bounds with Boxford

To agree upon some Method to Improve the Parsonage Land in Topsfield

Dat ^d Topsfield ^d feb ^{ry} y ^e 18 th 1723-4	Thomas Gould	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Jacob Robinson	Constable of John Howlett	
Topss ^d	Jacob Peabody	

At a Lawfull Town meeting of y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield on y^e third of March 1723-4

Decⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for sd meeting
voted

Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing
voted

Eliezar Lake & Edmon Town are Chosen Constables ; for y^e year Ensuing voted

Nath^l Porter, Decⁿ John Howlet, Joseph Town, Elisha Perkins & John Hovey are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

William Porter William Town & John Willds are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

En: Amos Dorman is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing voted

Luke Averill John Town John Dwinell & Daniel Town are Chosen: Sirveyers of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

Joseph Dorman John Willds Tho^s Robinson & Eben: Nicholls are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

Joshua Town & John Perkins are Chosen Hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

Cap^t Joseph Gould, Cap^t Tho^s Baker, Ivory Hovey, Thomas Robinson & Mr Simon Bradstreet, are Chosen a Committe to Seat People in y^e meeting house voted

The Town Agreed that the Orders Relating to y^e Preseruing the wood & Timber and also the stones or rocks, on the Parsonage Land in Topsfield, that was made in y^e year 1723. shall stand good for this year folloing voted

And Thomas Gould Nath^l Borman & Nath^l Porter are Chosen Agents or Attorneys in behalf of y^e Town to Prosecute any Person or Persons that shall Presume to Brake Either of y^e above sd Orders voted

and the Major part of sd Agents or Attorneys shall act in y^e concern about the Parsonage and y^e Town to bear them out in all Lawfull Proseedings therein voted

Doc^t Michael Dwinell is Chosen to serve on y^e grand jury and William Redington & Joseph Robinson are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at y^e next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

En: Amos Dorman is Chosen Schoolmaster for the year
 Ensuing voted

the Town agreed to give 20 shillings to En: Amos Dorman for keeping school this year voted

En: Amos Dorman Qu: master Ephraim Willds & En: Timothy Perkins are Chosen A Committe, to Joyn with such men as Boxford shall appoint to Settle the bounds between Topsfield & Boxford voted

The Several Persons Chosen into Office at y^e above sd meeting of whom an oath is by Law required: all took y^e oath to Their respective Offices on y^e third day of march 1723-4 before y^e Selectmen attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e seventh of Aprill 1724. the Town agreed that swine should go at Large this year according as the Law gives Liberty voted

[238] The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Quallified for Voting as y^e Law Directs are Notified & warned to meet here at y^e meeting next Wedensday at three of y^e Clock in the after noon it being the thirteenth of May Currant, ffirst to Choose a Representative to serve at the great and general Court. to be hild at Boston on y^e Last Wedensday of May Instant 2d To Choose Jurymen to serve at Ipswich Court to be holden on y^e third Tuseday of this Instant May

Dat ^d Topsfield May 6 th 1724	Elisha Perkins	} Select- men of Topsf:
Eliezar Lake Constable of Topsfi ^d	Nath ^l Porter	
	John Howlet	
	Joseph Town	
	John Hovey	

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 13th 1724 ffirst Dea: John Howlett is Chosen moderator for this meeting voted

Mr John Hovey is Chosen to Represent y^e Town at y^e general Court the year following voted

Cler: Elisha Perkins is Chosen to serve on y^e grand jury & Jacob Town and Joseph Town are Chosen to serue on y^e Jury of Tryals at the Next Superiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

We whose names are under written have meet & Perambulated and renewed bounds: Begining at a heap of stones near Mr Porters Meadow and Runing to a Plump of maples and Runing as the Brook runs to a stone & a stake in y^e brook near too Robinsons Island: and so runs to a stake and heap of stones on s^d Island as y^e Line Runs & so to Pigdens meadow and to the River as formerly

May y^e 4 1724

Edmond Town	} for Topsfield	John Batchelder	} for Wenham
David Balch		Benja: ffisk	
Elisha Perkins		John Gott	

A True Copy of y^e return. attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Sept^r y^e 8th 1724
Mr: Simon Bradstreet & John Perkins are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Decem y^e 15th 1724 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

The Town allowed to Deaⁿ John Howlett one pound Eighteen shillings sd Howlet having Paid so much for giting y^e meeting house glass mended
voted 1 18 0

the Town allowed to Corp^l Tobijah Perkins one shilling & six pence for Timber to mend the Bridge near to Luke Averills in 1724
voted 0 1 6

the Town allowed to Nath^l Capen one shilling two pence for two hundred of Lath Nails to nail up y^e meeting house glass in 1724
voted 0 1 2

the Town allowed to Deaⁿ John howlet and m^r Nath^l Porter two pound five shillings & six pence for Court Charges and their attendance at Salem Court: December 1723 to Answer to y^e Towns Presentment for want of a grammer School
voted 2 5 6

the Town allowed to Jacob Peabody one shilling sd Peabody having Paid for a Copy of the Sommens to Answer y^e above sd Presentment
voted 0 1 0

[239] Whereas y^e Selectmen warned ffrancis Johnson out of town & got y^e warrent Entred in y^e Court Records the Town allowed to M^r Nath^l Iorter five shillings for giting sd warrent Entred as is above mentioned voted 0 5 0

the Town allowed to Cap^t Thomas Baker seven shillings & six pence for timber to mend the falls Bridge in 1724
voted 0 7 6

the Town Allowed nine pound to be Added to M^r Capens stated Sallary y^e year following voted

the Town allowed five shillings to Clerke Elisha Perkins for giting y^e warrent Entred in y^e Court Records of Nath^l Ramsdells being Warned out of Town voted 0 5 0

Lastly the Town agreed that y^e present selectmen should recieve the intrest of y^e Towns Loan Money of y^e Trustees: which is due to the Town for y^e year past: and sd Selectmen are to Pay the Town Debts therewith voted

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Jan^{ry} the 12 1724-5

the Town allowed four shillings & six pence to Luke Averill for timber to mend y^e highways in the year 1724
voted 0 4 6

The Town allowed three shillings to Sam^l Howlett and three shillings to Joseph How for helping M^r: Lord about mending y^e meeting house glass in 1724 voted 0 6 0

The Town Allowed two shillings to Joseph Andrew for Timber to mend the Mille Brook bridge in y^e year 1723
voted 0 2 0

The Town allowed two shillings & six pence to Constable Eliczer Lake for Warning ffrancis Johnson & Nath^l Ramsdell out of Town voted 0 2 6

the Town allowed two shillings & Six pence to mr Nath^l Porter and two shillings and six pence to Corp^l Joseph Town for Perambulating with Salem in 1724 voted 0 5 0

the Town Allowed to Clerk Elisha Perkins David Baulch & Edmon Towne two shillings to Each of them for Perambulating with Wenham men in y^e year 1724 voted 0 6 0

the Town allowed twelve pound to mr John Hovey for serving representative sixty days at the General Court in y^e year 1724 voted 12 0 0

the Town allowed five shillings to Nath^l Capen for helping Mr Lord about mending y^e meeting house Glass in y^e year 1724 voted 0 5 0

Lastly the Town allowed Eighteen shillings to Cap^t Joseph Gould Cap^t Thomas Baker and Deaⁿ John Howlett for their trouble in Leting out y^e Towns money the year past
voted 0 18 0

Whereas we the Subscribers were ordred & impowered by the Selectmen of Topsfield to Perambulate on the Line and to renew the bounds between Topsfield & Boxford: accordingly meeting at time and Place with Cap^t Thomas Perley and Lieu^t Joseph Hale who were Likewise appointed by y^e Selectmen of Boxford for that service sd Cap^t Perley & Lieu^t Hale told us that Except We would Promise to go throughout and Renew or Settle the bounds between said Towns according to y^e General Court Resolves, they wholly Declined the service: and so gave this as A Reason, that they was informed that the Town of Topsfield had att a Town meeting Chosen a Com:itte for that Purpose: and so we could proseed no farther in order of Perambulation.

Dated y^e 12 of May 1724

Jacob Town
John Curtis

This is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders & other inhabitants of this Town Qualified as y^e Law Directs for voting are to take Notice to meet here at the meeting house on y^e first Tuseday in march next Ensuing y^e Date hereof at Eight of the Clock in y^e morning: first to Choose Town Officers as the Law Directs.

To see if the Town will make Choice of a meet person to mend any breach in or on the meeting house as need shall require or to doe any other thing or things as shall then be

thought needful. by order of the Selectmen of Topsfield

Dated Topsfield ffeb:y 19: 1724-5 Nath^l Porter

Edmond Town Constable of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e Second
Day of march 1724-5

M^r Nath^l Porter is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

voted

Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year Ensuing

voted

Jacob Dorman and Benj^a Town are Chosen Constables for
y^e year Ensuing

voted

John Hovey Jacob Estey William Porter Michael Dwinel
and Dea John Howlet are Chosen selectmen to order y^e Pru-
dentiall affairs of the Town for y^e year Ensuing

voted

Joshua Town Jacob Robinson & Thomas Dwinel are Chos-
en Tythingmen for the year Ensuing

voted

En: Amos Dorman is chosen Sealler of Leather for y^e
year Ensuing

voted

Deaⁿ John Howlet Sam^l Bradstreet and Thomas Gould
Richard Town and Thomas Caves are Chosen Sirveyers of
highways for y^e year Ensuing

voted

Corp^l Jacob Town Samuel Curtis Tobijah Perkins and
Jesse Dorman are Chosen fence viewers for ye year Ensuing

voted

John Willds and John Perkins are Chosen to make search
into the Turrit of the meeting house to see what repairing it
wants and to make Report thereof at y^e next Town meeting
in Topsfield

voted

Cler: Elisha Perkins is Chosen Grand Jury man for y^e year
Ensuing

voted

Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody are Chosen to serve on
y^e jury of Tryals at the next inferiour Court to be holden at
Ipswich

voted

Mr Simon Bradstreet is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year
 Ensuing voted

John Nicholes & and John Burton are Chosen to rebuild
 Topsfields part of the Bridge over the y^e River Near to Ed-
 ward Putnams between Topsfield and Boxford and to bring
 their account to the Town when sd Work is Done and they
 shall be reasonably allowed by y^e Town for sd service voted

En: Amos Dorman & Serg^t Tho: Robinson are Chosen
 hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

The Persons Chosen to office at the above s:^d meeting viz.
 Town Clerk, Constables, Tythingmen, Sealer of Leather,
 Sirveyors of highways, fence viewers, and Hogreeves all ap-
 peared at the house of mr Daniel Clark immediately after
 y^e sd meet[ing] was over and took the oath belonging to their
 Respective offices before y^e Selectmen: Excepting Richard
 Town

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e 29 day of
 march 1723 The Town agreed that swine should go at Large:
 y^e year following with as Much Liberty as the Law Allowes
 of voted

The freeholders & other inhabitants of this Town such as
 are Quallified according to Law for Voting are to take Notice
 to meet at y^e meeting house on fryday the seventh of May
 next after the Date hereof at two of the Clock in y^e after-
 noon

To Choose A man to Represent them in the Great & Gen-
 eral Court to be holden at Boston the Twenty six day of
 May next. 2ly To Choose Three good & Lawfull Men to
 serve upon y^e Jury at y^e Superior Court to be holden at
 Ipswich the Third Tuseday of May next one whereof to
 serve on the Grand Jury and y^e other two upon y^e Jury of
 trialls

To see if the Town will Choose A Committee to new seat
 the People in y^e Meeting house

Dated Topsfield Aprill: 28: 1725

Jacob Dorman Constable

John Hovey
 in y^e name and by
 Order of y^e Selectmen
 of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 7th 1725
 1: Dea John Howlett is Chosen Moderator of s^d meeting
 voted

2: Dea John Howlett is Chosen to Represent the Town at
 General Court to be holden at Boston on the Twenty sixth
 Day of this Instant and at their several sessions till s^d Court
 be Desolved
 voted

Mr Isaac [Peabody?] is Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury
 and Cap^t Tho: Baker & Mr. Tho: Gould are Chosen to
 serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e next Superior Court to be
 holden at Ipswich
 voted

Mr Thomas Gould Corp^l Eliezer Lake Corp^l Jacob Town
 and Serg^t Ivory Hovey are Chosen A Committee to new
 Seat People in the Meeting house
 voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of this Town Quallified
 according to Law for voting are to take notice to meet
 here at the meeting house on Tuseday the 20th of July Cur-
 rant at two of y^e Clocke in the afternoon

To see if the Town will Choose a Committe to see to y^e
 supply of the Pulpit with a Minister: 2ly To see what the
 Town will Contribute towards the Funeral Charges of y^e Rev-
 erend m^r Joseph Capen late Deceased

and to doe any other thing or things as shall be thought
 needful

Dated July 7; 1725

Jacob Dorman Constable

William Porter

John Howlett

Jacob Estey

Michael Dwinel

John Hovey

} Selectmen
 } of Topsf^d

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield July y^e 20th 1725
 M^r Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
 voted

The Town Did manifest by a vote that they were willing
 to Choose a Committe to make inquiry after & git a Minis-
 ter to Dispence the word of God Amongst us for a while

Dea Daniel Redington Deaⁿ John Howlett Cle: Elisha Perkins Serg^t Ivory Hovey & En: Amos Dorman are Chosen a Committe to Procure a Minister or Scholar to Dispencc the word of God amongst us for Ten weeks from this time & they are to ask advice of the Neighbouring Ministers in order to the procuring a suitable person for said service voted and said Committe are fully impowered to agree with a minister or Ministers for y^e above said service & Term & the Town will pay the Cost voted

the Town agreed to adjourn this meeting voted

the Moderator Ajourned this meeting till the first Tuseday of August next at two of the Clock in y^e after noon

At A Lawfull Town meeting held by adjournment from y^e 20 of July 1725 to the third day of August 1725 and then met & having Discoursed of how much and in what way to Contribute towards the funeral Charges of the Reverend M^r Joseph Capen Deceased, it was generally Concluded that y^e best way was for Every man to subscribe to give what he Pleas^d and Ivory Hovey, Joseph Town, & Thomas Robinson are Chosen & Desired by the Town: to go to all the inhabitants of Topsfield not present: to see what they will Contribute towards sd Charges voted

Whereas the Church have agreed upon a fast to be kept on the Eighteenth Currant on y^e account of the awfull breach that God has Latly made amoungst us by taking away our Reverend Pastor by Death: as also to implore the Mercies of heaven for the Obtaining another settel^d minister. Therefore the above named Committe for the Ministry are to see that suteable provision be made for such reverend ministers that shall Carry on the work of s^d Day or that shall be aiding or assisting therein and the town will pay the charges thereof voted

The free holders and other inhabitants of this Town Quallified according to Law for voting are to take Notice to meet here at y^e Meeting house on Wedensday the fifteenth Day of September Currant at Twelve of y^e Clock on sd Day

1 To Choose a Committe to see to y^e supply of the Pulpit with one to Dispence the word of God to us; 2ly. To allow bills of Charge & to Raise a Tax for the Defraying of Nes-sacery charges

3ly To Choose Jury men to serve at Newbery Court

4ly To see if the Town will give ruls to the Comittee for seating the People in the Meeting house

John Hovey

Dated Topsfield Sept: 3rd 1725 in y^e name & by Order of
Jacob Dorman Constable the rest of y^e Selectmen
of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield September y^e 15th 1725 1st M^r Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2ly The Town Allowed to Ens: Amos Dorman 7:7:6 he having Paid five pound to Mr Hale & two pound to M^r Crocker for Preaching to us since the Revernd M^r Capens Decease: and for other things he found for y^e fast

voted 7:7:6

3ly The Town allowed to Jacob Peabody 1:1:2 it being for several things for Provision for the fast voted 1:1:2

4ly The Town Allowed to Cler: Elisha Perkins 0:6:6: it being for sundary things for y^e fast voted 0:6:6

5ly The Town allowed to Serg^t Ivory Hovey 1:5:6 for sundary things for provision for y^e fast voted 1:5:6

6ly the Town allowed to M^r John Hovey three shillings for Lamb & spice for y^e fast voted 0:3:0

7ly the Town allowed to Dea: John Howlett four shillings & Eleven pence for several things for the fast voted 0:4:11

8ly The Town allowed Nine shillings & six pence to Nath^l Capen for victualing several Ministers on Sabath day 0:9:6

9ly Serg^t Thomas Robinson & John Town are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery for & within y^e County of Essex voted

10ly The former Committe for the Ministry viz Dea: Daniel Redington Dea: John Howlett Cler: Elisha Perkins Ens Amos Dorman & Serg^t Ivory Hovey are Chosen again to Procure and agree with a Minister to Dispence the word of God unto us untill the first of Jan^{ry} next Ensuing voted

11ly The Town agreed that y^e present Selectmen should Levie a Tax of one hundred and twenty pounds for y^e De-fraying of y^e necessary Charges of the Town voted

Boston 31st May 1725

Rec^d of M^r Eliezar Lake Constable of P Zacheus Gould
Topsfield ffifty one pounds in full for my
Master Jer. Allen Treasurer

this is a True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Clerk P george
Rogers

Where as Jacob Peabody was Chosen Clerk for the pro-prietors of the Late Divided & of the undivided Common Land in Topsfield on y^e sixth of December 1725: he was sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of sd office before y^e Select-men of s^d Town on y^e same Day

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield November 1st 1725
1st Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2ly Mr Isaac Peabody En: Amos Dorman & Jacob Pea-body are Chosen a Committe to Reckon with Madam Pris-cilla Capen and Adjust all the accompts that are betwixt her and y^e Town Refering to y^e Reverend M^r Capens Sallery & make report thereof to the Town in convenient time

3ly The Town agreed that the intrest of the Towns Loan money shall go to pay y^e towns debts voted

The present Selectmen are impowered to receive s^d intrest of y^e Trustees & Dispose of it to y^e afores^d use voted

4ly The Town allowed to En^s Amos Dorman five pounds five shillings he having paid so much to M^r Osgood for Preaching so amoungst us three Sabath Days voted 5:5:0

5ly The Town allowed to Jacob Averill three shillings & six pence for slabs to mend the bridges near to Deaⁿ John Howletts
voted 0:3:6

6ly The Town Allowed to Daniel Gould two shillings & six pence for two Logs to mend the bridge near to M^r John Ca-pens house
voted 0:2:6

7ly The Town Allowed to Jacob Peabody three shillings for Timber to mend y^e bridge near his house 0:3:0

8ly The Town Allowed to Mrs Mary Baker two shillings & six pence for Timber to mend the Bridge near to Mr Jacob Dormans house voted 0:2:6

9ly The Town allowed to Sam^l Smith four shillings for Timber to mend y^e highways voted 0:4:0

10ly The Town allowed to Corp^l Jacob Robinson one shilling for timber for sd use voted 0:1:0

11ly The Town allowed to Cap^t John How two shillings & six pence for timber to mend y^e Bridge near Mr Clarks house voted 0:2:6

12ly The Town allowed to Cap^t Joseph Gould & Deaⁿ John Howlett twelve shillings for their trouble in taking in y^e intrest of y^e Towns Loan money for y^e year past voted 0:12:0

13ly The Town agreed to fence in all y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield according to y^e same rule & by the same Ten years Rates that the last Division of Common Land in Topsfield was divided by, voted further the Town agreed that s^d Parsonage Land should be fenced in by y^e first day of June next with a Good sufficient fence voted

14 Mr Nath^l Porter Mr Eliezer Lake and Jacob Peabody are Chosen a committe to apportion and set to Every man his Proportion to fence about said Parsonage Land according to the Rule that is above expres^{ed} voted

15 Mr Nath Porter is Chosen a Trustee in y^e room of Cap^t Tho^s Baker Deceased voted

We the Subscribers the Committees respectively Chosen appointed by the Towns of Ipswich and Topsfield, to Perambulate the Line and renew the bounds between the sd Towns: have accordingly performed the said service, by Peambulating the Line and renewing the Bounds aforesaid; having new marked y^e Trees afore marked on y^e Line and heaving more stones to the old heaps on the said Line. Witness our hands the Day of novem: anno Domini 1725

John Hovey	} for Topsfield	Jonathan Wade	} for Ipswich
Thomas Gould		Nathaniel Hart	
		Phillip Fowler	

A True Copy of the return attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

(To be continued.)

The free holders and other inhabitants of this Town Quallified according to Law for voting are to take notice to meet here at the Meeting house on Monday y^e 29th of November Current at 12 of y^e Clock in said day to see if the Town will agree with y^e Church in Calling the Reverend M^r William Osgood to the work of y^e ministry in our Town

Dat. Topsfield November 10: 1725 John Hovey

Jacob Dorman Constable

in the name & by order
of the rest of y^e Select-
men

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e 29 Day of November 1725

Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

The Town unanimously Agreed to give the reverend M^r William Osgood a Call to Settle with us in the Ministry voted

The free holders and other inhabitation of this Town Quallified According to Law for voting are to take notice to meet here at the Meeting house in Topsfield on fryday the 10th day of Decem: next After the Date hereof at 12 of the Clock in s^d day.

1st To Choose a Committe to give M^r William Osgood a Call to the work of the Ministry in our Town

2ly To Doe any other thing or things Relating to his Settlement with us as the Town shall then think best

3ly To see if y^e Town will grant the petition of some of the inhabitation on the other side of Nickollses Brook to be set of to a new precinct & fourthly to hear the Committes re-

turn that were Chosen to Reckon with Madam Capen & to allow bills of Charge

Dated in Topsfield December the 4: 1725 order of the rest
 Jacob Dorman Constable of the Selectmen
 of Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield on the 10th day of Decem 1725

1 Mr Nath^l Averill is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
 voted

2ly Mr Nath^l Porter Mr Eliezer Lake and Cap^t Joseph Gould are Chosen a Committe to joyn with the Committe wich the Church hath Already Chose to inform the Reverend Mr William Osgood that the town as well as y^e Church hath unanimously Made Choice of himself to be our Minister and to Settle with us in the ministry and if said Mr Osgood is please to accept of the Call: that then the said Committe which the Town has now Chosen are further ordred to discourse with y^e said Mr Osgood to see upon what Terms he shall see Cause to Settle with us in the work of y^e ministry and y^e said Committe to return Mr Osgoods answer to y^e Town as soon as may be Conveniently
 voted

3ly The Town agreed to give to y^e reverend Mr William Osgood Eighty pounds by the year sallary for his incouragement to settle with us in the Work of Ministry
 voted

4ly The Town allowed to Mr^s Capen Twenty six pound thirteen shillings and for pence for the reverend Mr Joseph Capens service in y^e ministry from the first of March 1724-5 till y^e Last of June following
 voted 26 13 4

5 The Town allowed one shilling to Clerk Elisha Perkins for timber to mend highways

The free holders and other inhabitants of this Town Quallified according to Law for Voting are to take notice to meet

here at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on fryday next after the Date hereof at 12 of the Clock on said day

1ly By Vertue of a Warrant to y^e Selectmen y^e freeholders are to make Choice of a Person to be Register of Deeds

2ly For the freeholders & other inhabitants to hear mr Will^m Osgoods answer to the Committe that were Chosen to give him a Call to the work of the Ministry in our Town and to act upon it as the Town shall then think best in order to his Settlement with us in said work John Hovey by order

Dated December 18 1725

of y^e Selectmen of

Jacob Dorman Constable

Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield on y^e 24th day of Decm^r 1725

1 Dea: Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator of this meeting voted

2ly The freeholders brought in their votes for a Register of Deeds

3ly: The Town having heard the Reverend M^r Osgoods Answer to the Town Respecting his Call to y^e work of y^e Ministry in this Town: the Town Dose Now agree to give to the Reverend Mr William Osgood one hundred pound per Annum in Currant Passable Money: or in Bills of Publick Credit for his Sallary: and also y^e Improvement of the Parsonage Land; during the Term of his ministry amongst us

voted

4ly The Town agreed to give two hundred pounds to R^d M^r Osgood towards his Settlement Amoungst us in y^e work of y^e ministry

voted

5ly Whereas M^r Osgood has but one Sabbath more to Preach with us according to former agreement; therefore the Town Do now Desire him to Preach with us one month Longer then s^d agreement: and agree to give him for sd month According as the former Committe Agreed with him: viz Thirty five shillings per week

voted

6ly The Town agreed to adjourn this meeting unto the first Tuseday of Jan^y next

voted

the Moderator adjourned this present meeting Accordingly

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield begun & held on y^e 24 Day of December 1725 and adjourned unto y^e 4th Day

of Jan: 1725-6 at one of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon: and then met and whereas the Town did agree at said meeting on y^e 24 of December: to give two hundred pounds to the reverend M^r William Osgood towards his settlement with us in y^e work of y^e ministry the Town do now agree to pay one hundred pound of said money within this year that is now begun and y^e other hundred pound of s^d money to be paid the next year following voted

And also whereas the Town Did agree to give to the Reverend M^r William Osgood one hundred pounds per annum for his sallary: the Town Do now agree to pay in unto the s^d Mr Osgood the one half of his yearly sallary at Every half years End voted

the year to begin at y^e first of March next Ensuing untill which time Mr Osgood doth now Consent to Preach with & amoungst us as heretofore

Topsfield ffeb^y 11: 1725-6

The ffreeholders & other Inhabitance of this Town: Quallified according to Law for voting: are to take Notice to meet here at y^e meeting house on Tuseday the first of March Next after the Date hereof at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning to Choose Town Officers for y^e year Ensuing To see if the Town will agree upon sum other method of fenceing in y^e Parsonage Land then what hath already been Agreed upon: To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court and do any other thing or things as the Town shall then see best

Jacob Dorman Constable	John Howlet
A True Copy of the notification Attest	Jacob Estey
Jacob Peabody Town Clerk	William Porter
	John Hovey Select-
	men of Topsfield

At A Lawfull & Annual Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e 1: of March 1725-6

1ly Mr Ivory Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2ly Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing voted

3ly Corp^l Tobijah Perkins & Eben^r Nickols are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

Corp^l Perkins having agreed with John Willdes to serve as Constable in his room the Town accepted thereof by a vote

4ly En^s Amos Dorman Cap^t Joseph Gould Serg^t Thomas Robinson M^r Simon Bradstreet & Jacob Peabody are Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

5ly Edmond Town Nathan Byxbe & Eliezer Lake are Chosen Tything men for y^e year Ensuing voted

6ly En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing voted

7ly M^r Nath^l Averill Corp^l Joseph Town Jonathan Willds & Benjamin Knight are Chosen Serveyers of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

8ly Serg^t Joshua Town & David Balch Are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

9ly Serg^t Zacheus Gould & Joseph Robinson are Chosen Hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

10ly William Town & Joshua Town are Chosen field Drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11ly M^r Simon Bradstreet is Chosen School master for y^e year Ensuing voted

12ly Serg^t Zacheus Gould is Chosen grand jury man for y^e year Ensuing voted

Serg^t Ivory Hovey & David Balch are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at y^e next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

13ly M^r Nath^l Porter is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year Ensuing voted

14ly Whereas the Town at a Leagal Town meeting on y^e first day of Novemb^r 1725 Did agree to fence in all y^e parsonage Land in Topsfield by y^e first day of June next following with a good sufficient fence: & the Town having Considered the Matter do now Agree to fence in all y^e parsonage Land with a good Legall stone wall voted

15ly The Town having heard y^e Reverend M^r William Osgoods Answer to the Church and Parrish Relating to his settling with us in y^e work of the Ministry: accepts thereof and ordered that it should be Entred in y^e Town book

All the Officers Chosen by y^e Town on s^d first of March 1825-6 whom the Law Requires to be sworn viz. Town Clerk, Constables, Tything men Surveyers of highway, fence view-

ers, Hogreeves, field drivers & Town Treasurer were all of them sworn. Each man to his Respective office on y^e said first & fourth Days of March 1725-6 before y^e Selectmen

The Sealler of Leather Excepted: and Serg^t Tho^s Robinson & Sam^l Curtis being Chosen field drivers by y^e Proprietors of Stickey Meadow Commonfields were sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of s^d office: before y^e Selectmen on sd 1: of March

At the above sd Town meeting on y^e 1: of march: 1725-6 the Town gave Liberty for Clerk Elisha Perkins to set up a stable at y^e East End of y^e stable by M^r Capens fence

To the Church and Parish of the Town of Topsfield
Gentlemen

I have taken into serious Consideration the Invitation which you made me to settle with you in y^e Work of y^e Ministry: and likewise the Sallary which by vote you have allowed me for my subsistence in that work These are therefore to Inform you, That I readily take up with what you have already done on that account.—and I hereby do Consent to settle with you in y^e work of the ministry as Long as God shall enable me thereto

These from Him who is ready to
Serve you in the Gospel of our
Glorious Redemer

This is a true Copy of Mr Osgoods William Osgood
Answer to the Church and
Parish attest Jacob Peabody Town Cle

En^s Amos Dorman being Chosen Clerk for & by y^e Proprietors of Stickey Medow Com: on field: was sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of s^d Office before y^e selectmen of Topsfield March 15 1725-6

Boston June 7th 1722

Rec^d of Mr Joseph Robinson Constable of Topsfield P M^r
Daniel Clark Twenty one pound four shillings & Ten pence
in full for My ffather Jer Allen Treasurer
21:4:10 P Ja^s Allen

Rec^d of Mr Joseph Robinson as Constable of Topsfield for y^e year 1721 the full of what was Committed to him to Colect

for my use for s^d year I say Rec^d y^e full of it per me Joseph Capen

Topsfield March: 10: 1723-4

The two Receipts above Entred are True Copies attest Jacob Peabody T C

The ffreholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Legall Quallified for voting are to take Notice to meet at y^e meeting house in s^d Town on Tuseday y^e Twenty second Day of this instant March at one of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon

1 To see if y^e Town will Give Liberty for swine to go at Large

2 To agree upon some Method to pay in the Towns Loan Money

3 To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court

4 To Choose a Committe to Seat People in y^e meeting house

Amos Dorman	
Simon Bradstreet	Select
Joseph Gould	men
Thomas Robinson	of
Jacob Peabody	Tops ^d

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 15th 1725-6

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification

attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 22^d: 1725-6

1 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town gave Liberty for swine to go at Large according as y^e Law gives Liberty voted

3 Zacheus Gould is Chosen grand Jury man for y^e year Ensuing voted

& Ivory Hovey & David Balch are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 The Town agreed that y^e Trustees, Namely, Cap^t Joseph Gould, Deaⁿ John Howlett & M^r Nath^l Porter; Shall Call in

one fifth part of y^e Principal of the Towns Loan money: of such person or persons to whom said money was Lett out where said money may be most Conveniently be had according to their sound judgment & Discretion: & pay in y^e same unto y^e Province Treasurer by y^e first day of June next according to y^e General Court Act made & passed in November 1725

voted

5 William Porter, Thomas Gould, William Town, Quarter^m Nath^l Bordman: and Jacob Estey; are Chosen a Committee to Seat People in the meeting house

voted

Pursuant to a Warrant to me Directed from under y^e hands of y^e Selectmen of Topsfield by vertue of sd warrant The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as y^e Law Directs are to take Notice to meet at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the Tenth of this Instant May at Tenn of y^e Clock in y^e forenoon

first To Choose a Representative to serve at y^e Great and General Court

2ly To agree upon a time when to pay in Mr Osgoods Sallary

3 To Choose a Committee to make up y^e wall about y^e Parsonage where any Person or Persons shall Refuse or Neglect to make up his or their part of sd wall

4 To see if Town will agree to turn y^e way that Leads through Deaⁿ Redingtons Land on y^e south side of River

5 To Receive the Committees Return of apportioning the fence about y^e parsonage

6 to Choose Jury men for Ipswich Court

7 To Choose men to Answer y^e Petition of y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield On y^e south side of Nickolses brook Relating to their being set of to a Precinct

Dat^d Topsfield May y^e 6: 1726

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 10: 1726

1 M^r Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould Chosen to Represent y^e Town at y^e general Court for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 The Town accepted of y^e Committees return of setting out to Each free householder Their Respective proportion to fence about y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield voted

Mr Ivory hovey Enters his Contrary Decent to y^e Last vote above Entered

4 Where as Mr Osgood did Consent to begin his year at y^e first of march 1725-6 and y^e Town finding it inconvenient on several Accounts Therefore the Town and Mr Osgood do now Agree to begin y^e year of his service in y^e ministry on y^e first Day of July next voted

5 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen & appointed to appear at y^e Generall Court in behalf of y^e Town to give in the reason why y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield on y^e south side of Nickol-ses brook (so called) should not be sett of to another Parish or Precinct voted

6 The Town Agreed that y^e Present Selectmen should draw up the Reasons why y^e Prayer of y^e Petition of y^e above said Inhabitants should not be granted voted

At a Legall Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 18th 1726
1st Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen moderator for this meeting voted

2ly The Town did manifest by a vote that they are willing that Mr Osgood should Continue with us in y^e work of y^e ministry voted

The freehol[d]ers & other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as are Quallified as y^e Law Directs for voting are to take Notice to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on ffryday y^e Tenth Day of June next at two of y^e Clock in sd Day

first to agree upon some method to find out y^e truth of those Scandalous reports Concerning Mr Osgood

2 To see if y^e Town will agree to set of y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield on the south westerly side of Nickolses brook to joyn with other inhabitants to make a Township and to do any other thing or things that the Town shall then think needfull & proper to be done Thomas Robinson

Dat^d Topsfield May y^e 31st 1726 Simon Bradstreet

John Wildes Constable for Topsfield Jacob Peabody

this is a True Copy of y^e Notification attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield June y^e 10th 1726
1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2ly The Town agreed to Choose a Committe to joyn with
y^e Committe which y^e Church hath Already Chosen to finde
out y^e truth of those Scandalous Reports Concerning Mr
Osgood
voted

3 Quarter^{mtr} Nath^{ll} Bordman, Mr Thomas Gould, & Mr
Benjamin Town, are Chosen a Committe for s^d Service voted

4 And when s^d Committe have made search into & found
out what they can of y^e truth of those Scandalous reports
that are concerning Mr Osgood sd Committe are to inform
y^e Selectmen thereof in order for y^e Towns being Called to-
gether and then y^e said Committe to make report to y^e Town
of what they have found out Relating to s^d Scandalous Re-
ports in order for y^e further proseedding in that matter voted

5 Where as Thomas Caves Edward Putnam & Joseph
Knight & five other the Inhabitants of Topsfield on y^e south
side of Nickolses brook have Petition^d to y^e Town of Tops-
field At a Legall Town meeting June y^e 10th 1726 for all y^e
Lands belonging to y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e southerly or
westerly side of Nickolses brook with all y^e Inhabitants now
Dwelling on s^d Lands to Joyn with some of y^e Inhabitants of
Salem Andover & Boxford to make a Township and also to
sett to s^d Petitioners their proportion of y^e Towns parsonage
& all other undivided Lands in y^e Town of Topsfield The
Town having Considered of y^e sd Petition have Agreed that
it should be dirmist
voted

To Mr John Willdes Constable of Topsfield greeting

In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required forthwith
to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants Quallified as y^e
Law Directs for voting on y^e north side of y^e River to meet
at y^e meeting house in Topsfield, on y^e seventeenth day of
this Instant June, at thrce of y^e Clock in y^e after noon first
to Receive y^e Committies return that were Chosen to find out
y^e truth of Those Scandalous Reports Concerning mr Osgood

2ly To see if y^e Town will give Mr Osgood a Dismission from y^e work of y^e ministry in this Town

3 To agree upon some method to pay to Mr Osgood what is due to him from y^e Town for his work in the ministry in this town

Amos Dorman Selectmen
Thomas Robinson of Topsfield
Jacob Peabody

Dat Topsfield June y^e 16:1726

Topsfield June 17:1726 By vertue of this warrant I have warned y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e north side of y^e river according to time & Place within mentioned John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

A true copy of warrant & return attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield June y^e 17th 1726
1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for s^d meeting
voted

To the Town of Topsfield Now Assembled & met. Whereas we the Subscribers were Chosen a Committe by y^e Church & Town to find out y^e truth of those Scandalous Reports Concerning Mr Osgood: Accordingly we have made Dilligent search and have gotten y^e best Information we could and we find nothing worthy of Raising such scandalous Reports Concerning M^r Osgood and by the best Information that we could find we do Judge that some of those Reports were Raised by and we went to house with mr Osgood to see them face to face and to hear what they then would accuse s^d Osgood with and to give them a Sivel Discourse but y^e Refused to make any Discourse with Mr Osgood, or with us: but said that they had Nothing to say to us and asked us what power we had to ask them Concerning such things and said that knew nothing about those stories Concerning Mr Osgood: Dat. Topsfield June 17:1726

This is a True Copy of y^e Return
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Daniel Clark
Jacob Towne
Elisha Perkins
Nath^l Bordman
Benj^a Towne

2 The above written Return being twice Thomas Gould
Publicly read y^e Town Accepted thereof voted

3 The Town agreed that y^e present Selectmen shall take
Care to pay M^r Osgood with y^e Towns money what shall be
Due to him from y^e Town when this month is out for his
work in y^e ministry Amongst us voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as
are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are hereby Noti-
fied to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on fryday the
Ninth of this Instant September at Twelve of y^e Clock on sd
day first to see if y^e Town will proceed in order to ordain Mr
Osgood

2 To Allow bills of Charge. 3ly to Choose overseers for
y^e poor

4 To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

	Amos Dorman	Select-
Dat ^d Topsfield Sept ^t 2 nd 1726	Joseph Gould	men
John Willdes Constable for	Thomas Robinson	of
Topsfield	Simon Bradstreet	Tops-
	Jacob Peabody	field

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sept^t y^e 9th: 1726

1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town have manifested by a vote that they were
willing to prosceed in order to ordain the Reverend Mr Will-
iam Osgood voted

3 The Town allowed to Mr Eliezer Lake Eleven shillings
& four pence it being what Isaac Powers was Rated in Tops-
field in 1724 which s^d Lake being Constable could not git
voted 11-4

4 The Town Allowed to Joseph How one pound one shill-
ing for sweeping the meeting house from y^e Twenty fift day of
October 1725 till y^e twenty fift Day of October 1726

voted 11-1-0

5 The Town Allowed Eight pound to John Nickols & John
Burton for Rebuilding this Towns part of y^e bridge which is
over y^e river near to Edward Putnams house sd bridge being
built this year voted 8 0 0

6 The Town allowed five shillings to John Wildes for warning y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield on y^e North Side of River to a Town meeting voted 0 5 0

7 The Town allowed Twenty shillings to Mr Simon Bradstreet for serving Schoolmaster in 1725 voted 1-0-0

8 Jonathan Willdes & Robert Perkins are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Trialls at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Newbery voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as are Quallified as y^e Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday y^e Twenty third day of November Currant at Ten of the Clock on said day

1 first to Allow bills of Charge

2 To Receive the Committies Return of Seating People in the meeting house

3ly To agree upon a method to Dispose of y^e intrest of the Towns Loan money

4ly To agree upon a Method to Stir up People to Make up their Respective proportion of fence about y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield according as it hath been Laid out

5ly To take Care to procure Plank to Cover y^e bridge over y^e River in Topsfield

6ly To see if the town will give Liberty to some of our Neighbours in Ipswich to set up a stable near y^e meeting house in Topsfield

7ly To see if y^e Town will give Liberty to John Clark to Live in y^e watch house this winter

Dat^d Topsfield Novem: 17th 1726 Joseph Gould Select-
John Willdes Constable for Thomas Robinson men of
Topsfield Jacob Peabody Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Novem: 23^d 1726

1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2ly The Town allowed Twelve shillings to Deaⁿ John Howlet for serving Representative Thre Days at y^e general Court in Aprill 1726 voted 0 12 0

3ly The Town Allowed four shillings & six pence to Jacob Averill for slabs to mend y^e highways this year voted 0 4 6

4ly The Town Allowed two shillings to Jesse Dorman for Timber to mend y^e falls bridge voted 0 2 0

5ly The Town Allowed Eighteen shillings to Cap^t Joseph Gould Deaⁿ John howlet & Mr Nath^l Porter for their trouble in taking in y^e intrest of the Towns Loan money this year
voted 0 18 0

6ly The Town Allowed one pound four shillings to Eliezer Lake & Jacob Peabody for sitting out to Each man his proportion to fence about y^e parsonage voted 1-4-0

7ly The Town allowed six shillings to Clerk Elisha Perkins for Timber to mend the bridge near to said Perkinses house this year voted 0 6 0

8ly The Town agreed & ordred y^e Trustees viz Cap^t Joseph Gould Deaⁿ John Howlett & Mr Nath^l Porter to pay in y^e intrest of the Towns Loan money (that is Due to y^e Town) to y^e present selectmen & said selectmen are to Dispose of it to y^e Towns Use & benefit voted

9ly The Town Agreed to have y^e River bridge Covered with plank y^e next summer voted

10ly The Town granted Liberty to Samuel Potter, Caleb Foster, Abraham How & Others of our Neighbours in Ipswich to sit up a stable on y^e Plain Northerly of & near y^e meeting house voted

11ly The Town granted Liberty to Clerk Elisha Perkins & Ser Joshua Town to sit up a stable at y^e Southerly End of Cap^t Goulds stable near y^e meeting house voted

Boston May 27: 1726

Rec^d of Cap^t Joseph Gould one of y^e Trustees of y^e Town of Topsfield the sum of Fifty one pounds being the first fift part of their proportion of y^e £ 50000

P Jer: Allen Treasurer
This is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Jan^y 31: 1726 7

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town allowed Ten shillings to Sam^l Howlet for victualing the widow Mary Averill & her Nurse Eight Days y^e summer past voted 0 10 0

3 The Town allowed four shillings to Hannah Averill for Nursing or tending the sd widow Mary Averill Eight Days y^e summer past voted 0 4 0

4 The Town Allowed one pound Ten shillings to Jonathan Willdes for keeping the widow Mary Averill seventeen Days in August Last past voted 1 10 0

5 The Town Allowed three pound Ten shillings to y^e widow Phoebe Goodhall for keeping the widow Mary Averill seven weeks next after she came from Jonathan Willdes voted 3 10 0

6 The Town Allowed to y^e widow Anne Averill one pound for keeping the widow Mary Averill five weeks next to y^e Wido: Goodhall voted 1 0 0

7 The Town Allowed one pound Ten shillings to y^e widow Luce Town for keeping the widow Mary Averill about Ten weeks next after Anne Averill voted 1 10 0

8 The Town Allows twelve shillings to Mr Nath^l Porter for his trouble in setting out to Each man his proportion to fence about y^e parsonage voted 0 12 0

9 The Town Allowed five shillings to M^r Daniel Clark for a Glasser & his horse two Days when he Mended y^e meeting house Glass in 1724 voted 0 5 0

Rec^d of Jacob Dorman Constable of Topsfield the sum of four pounds Nineteen shillings & two pence in full for y^e County Rate for sd Town

March: 5: 1725

P John Appleton County Treas:

This is A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e seventh day of March next after the date hereof at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning on sd day

1 To Choose Town Officers such as the Law Requires or Allowes to be Chosen at such meeting

2 To Choose a man To take Care of and Amend any breach that is or may be in y^e meeting house

3 To see if y^e Town will see Cause to turn y^e way that Goes through Sam^l Howlets pasture

4 To Choose a County Treasurer

Dat : Topsfield ffeb : 14 th 1726-7	Thomas Robinson	Select- men of Topsfield
John Willdes Constable of	Joseph Gould	
Topsfield	Simon Bradstreet	
	Jacob Peabody	

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 7th
1726-7

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
ing voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing
voted

3 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year
Ensuing voted

4 John Willds & David Cummings are Chosen Constables
for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 Quartermaster Nath^l Bordman Corp^l Jacob Towne Benj^a
Towne Thomas Gould and William Redington are Chosen
Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 Samuel Smith Corp^l Tobijah Perkins and Richard Towne
are Chosen Tything men for the year Ensuing voted

7 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e
year Ensuing voted

8 Mr Daniel Clark Job Averill Thomas Dwinel Jonathan
Perkins & Isaac Peabody are Chosen Surveyers of highways
for y^e year Ensuing voted

9 Jacob Estey & John Towne are Chosen fence viewers for
y^e year Ensuing voted

10 Jacob Redington & Daniel Gould are Chosen Hog-
reeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 M^r William Porter is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year
Ensuing voted

12 Mr Daniel Clark is Chosen to take care and Amend
any breach that is or may be in Meeting house for y^e year
Ensuing voted

13 Mr Daniel Clark Mr Thomas Gould & M^r Jacob Estey
are Chosen to view the way that Leads through Samuel
Howlets Pasture to see if sd way may turned with Conven-
iency. And to make Report to y^e Town what their Opinion
Concerning it at y^e next Town Meeting voted

14 Mr Nath^l Averill is Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury & Doc^t Michael Dwinel & — are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at y^e Inferiuer Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

15 Thomas Robinson & Daniel Towne are chosen field Drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

The Several Officers Chosen at y^e above s^d Town Meeting of whom an oath is by Law Required were all sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of Their Respective Offices on y^e seventh and on y^e Tenth days of March 1726-7 Excepting Jacob Towne Entred by order of the Selectmen: Jacob Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified according as the Law Directs for voting: are hereby Warned & Notified to meet at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the Twenty Eighth Day of March Currant at one of the Clock in the Afternoon on said Day

1 To see if y^e Town will Concur with the Church in what they have done in order to ordain Mr Will^m Osgood

2 To see if y^e Town will Choose Two men to Joyn with y^e Churches Committy that are to Discourse [with] the Ministers y^t y^e Church have Chosen to Ordain Mr Will^m Osgood

3 To see if y^e Town will Answer the Petition of some of the Inhabitants on the south side of Nickoles Brook to abate their Rates towards the Minister in Topsfield

4 To see what they will do in order to fence y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield

5 To see if the Town Will Give Leave for swine to go at Large

6 To see if y^e Town will allow y^e Widow Mary Averills Petition

7 To Choose Overseers of the Poor

Date^d Topsfield March y^e 23:1726-7 Thomas Gould

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield Nathaniel Bordman

This is A True Copy of y^e Notification William Redington

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 28:1727

1 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Whereas y^e Church have agreed to have y^e Reverend Mr William Osgood ordained on the second Wednesday in June next y^e Town do now Readily Concur therewith voted

3 The Town agreed that swine should go at Large this year according as y^e Law Gives Liberty voted

4 The Town Agreed to have y^e watch house repaired & kept in repair voted

5 The Town have Chosen Mr John Perkins to Repair sd watch house voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitation of the Town of Topsfield Duly Quallified by Law for voting: are hereby Warned & Notified to Assemble and Meet together on Tuseday the Ninth Currant. at two of the Clock in the After Noon; - at the meeting house in Topsfield.

1ly To Choose a Representative to serve at y^e General Court for y^e year Insuing

2ly To Choose Jury men for Ipswich Court

3ly To see if the Town will Concur with what the Church shall present to them then, in Order to the ordination of Mr Osgood

4ly To accept of y^e Committies Return that was Chosen to apportion the fence Round the parsonage Land in Topsfield: to wit: Nath^l Porter and others and to see what they will do in Order to make up their fence

5ly To Allow bills of Charge

6ly To Choose a Committe to view the highway that goeth through Jacob Redingtons Land in order to turn it

Dated Topsfield May y^e 5th 1727 Thomas Gould

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield Nath^l Bordman

This is True Copy of the Notification William Redington

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk Benja^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e Ninth: 1727

1ly Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2ly Quarter^{m:tr} Nath^l Bordman is Chosen to serve for and Represent the Town At the Generall Court the year Insuing voted

3ly The Town agreed that y^e Trustees Namely Capt^t Joseph Gould Deaⁿ John Howlet & Mr Nath^l Porter shall Call in one fifth part of the Towns Loan money of such Person or Persons to whom sd money was Let out where sd money may most Convenient be had According to their sound Judgement & Discreeston & pay in y^e same to y^e province Treasurer by y^e first day of June next According to an Act Made And passed at the General Court in November 1725

voted

4ly Deaⁿ John Howlet Mr Nath^l Averill & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe to View the highway that Leads through Jacob Redingtons Land in order to turn it and to make return to y^e Town at y^e next Town Meeting: what their minds are Concerning the turning of s^d way

voted

Aprill: 24th 1727

We Jacob Towne Jacob Robinson & Benjamin Towne being appointed and impowered to Perambulate & Renew the bounds between the Townes of Salem and Topsfield accordingly we met with John Preston and Cornelius Tarbell they being appointed by the Selectmen of Salem for said service and have Renewed the bounds as they formerly stand Entred in y^e Towns Records

This is a True Copy of y ^e Return of	John Preston
Perambulation with Salem.	Cornelius Tarbell
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk	

Topsfield To John Willdes Constable you are hereby Required in his Majisties Name to warn and give Notice unto the Inhabitance of this Town on y^e North side of the River Duly Quallified by Law for Voting that they meet together on fryday the sixteenth Currant at three of Clock in the after noon at y^e meeting house in Topsfield in order to Choose one or two men as Attorneys or Agents to Implead the petitioners on the south side of Nickolses Brook in Topsfield which have Petitioned to the Great and General Court to be set off in order for a Township

Dated Topsfield June 13: 1727

Jacob Towne	
Thomas Gould	Selectmen
Benjamin Towne	of Topsfield
William Redington	

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield June: 16th 1727
 1st Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen moderator for this meeting
 ing voted

2^{ly} Mr Nathaniel Bordman & Mr Daniel Clark are Chosen
 Attorneys for the Town to Appear at the General Court on
 y^e Twentieth Currant to Implead the Inhabitants on the
 South Side of Nickolses Brook in Topsfield which have Peti-
 tioned to the General Court to be set of with other Inhabi-
 tants to make a Township: and the said Attorney are to give
 in the Reasons to the sd Court why the prayer of said peti-
 tion should not be Granted and s:d Attorneys are hereby
 fully impowered to use all Lawfull and proper means to pre-
 vent the s^d Petitions being Granted voted

Topsfield To David Commings Constable of s^d Town
 Greeting you are hereby Required in his Majisties name to
 warn & Notifie all the Inhabitants of sd Town on y^e south
 side of Ipswich River Duly Quallified for voting in Town
 Affairs as the Law Directs: to meet together att the meeting
 in Topsfield on Tuseday the fourth of July next at three of
 the Clock in y^e afternoon on s^d Day: for to see and Examine,
 Wherefore y^e Reverend Mr Osgood hath not Carried on y^e
 work of y^e Ministry Amongst us According to Agreement as
 in time past: and to take a prudent Care that we may no
 Longer be distitute of the publick worship of God being Car-
 ried on Amongst us and if need be to Chuse a Committe for
 the same service and make timely Return of your so doing

Dated Topsfield June 3 th 1727	Jacob Towne	Selectmen
	Benja ^a Towne	of Topsf ^d
	Thomas Gould	

At A Leagall Town Meeting in Topsfield July 4th 1727
 1 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
 ing voted
 2 Mr Thomas Gould & Mr Joseph Towne are Chosen a
 Com:itte to Suply the Pulpit with a minister to despence the
 word of God to us y^e three next Sabbaths voted

3 The Town agreed to send to five ministers viz: the Reverend Mr ffish m^r Prescot & Mr Clark all of Salem: Mr Putnam of Reading & Mr Barnard of Andover and desire them to meet together in Topsfield on y^e nineteenth of this Instant July and to Give us their advice in what may be proper for us to do under our present scircumstances inasmuch as y^e Reverend Mr William Osgood. Whom the Town & Church had agreed with to be our settled minister hath Left us voted

Mr Thomas Gould & Mr Joseph Towne are Chosen to Desire y^e s^d ministers to meet together for y^e End afore^{sd} and s^d Gould & Towne are to take Care that suteable provision be made for sd ministers where they shall think it most Convenient in Topsfield voted

The free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are Notified and warned to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting House in Topsfield on wednesday the Nineteenth Currant at Eight of y^e Clock before noon on said day

1 To Choose A Committe to Inform the Reverend Ministers that the Town And Church hath made Choice of: And to Lay before Them y^e Difficult Circumstances that We the Town & Church Labour under in Respect of the Reverend Mr William Osgood

2 If any Person In sd Town are Agrieved they are Desired to Make their personal appearance at time & place and make known their grevience In order. In order to Bar Mr Osgoods settling amongst us in the Ministry

Dated Topsfield July the 13th: 1727

Thomas Gould

Jacob Towne

This is a True Copy of y^e notification

Benjamin Towne

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Selectmen

of Topsfi^d

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield July y^e 19th 1727

1 Mr Jacob Towne is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington Mr Nath^l Bordman Mr Zacheus Gould Mr Benj^a Towne and Mr John Prichitt are Chosen a Committe to Inform the Reverend Ministers that that y^e Town and Church have made Choice of: And to Lay before them

the Difficult Circumstances the Town & Church Labour under in Respect of y^e Reverend Mr William Osgood voted

3 The Town agreed to send to such of sd Reverend Elders as are now in Town and Desire them to Come up to y^e meeting house

4 The Town agreed to Leave the whole of the present Concern Refering to Mr William Osgood and the Town: To the Reverend Elders that the Church & Town hath sent for to advize us in that affair: voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such As are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs are hereby Notified to meet At the Meeting house on Tuseday y^e fifteenth Day of August Currant at one of y^e Clock on said day after noon

1 To Choose a Committe to make up Accompts with Mr William Osgood

2 To Choose a Com^{tee} to supply y^e Pulpit

3 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the Pulpit: Whether by Contribution or other ways.

Dat^d Topsfield august y^e 12: 1727

Thomas Gould

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

Jacob Towne

Benja^a Towne

Will^m Redington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Leagall Town meeting in Topsfield August y^e 15th 1727

1 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town Agreed that the present Selectmen or any of them shall make up And Settle accompts with Mr William Osgood Referring to his service in the work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield voted

3 Mr Nath^l Averill mr Zacheus Gould En^s Timothy Perkins & Mr Daniel Clark are Chosen a Committe to Agree with three Ministers to Preach to and Amoungst us three Sabbath Days a piece and the time to begin y^e Last Sabbath in August Currant voted

4 And sd Com^{tee} are to take Care to provide Quarters for such ministers as they shall Git to preach: for y^e time above

mentioned voted

5 The Town Agreed to Contribute towards the paying of sd
Ministers During y^e s^d Term voted

May y^e 15th 1727

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of our Respective Towns viz: Wenham, & Topsfield; to Perambulate on y^e Line between our sd Towns, have according to Agreement Renewed the heap of stones by the End of Wenham Casway & the Clump of Maples at y^e Edge of the Meadow so as y^e Brook Runs to a stake & heap of stones near to Robinsons Island and so on y^e Line of Pigdins Meadow (so called) to the Island & on y^e Ditch to the River. as the Line of Townships is stated Witness our hands y^e Day above^{sd}

for Topsfield

Michael Dwinel

Daniel Clark

Robert Perkins

David Batchelder

Josiah Hairfield for Wenham

This is a True Copy of y^e Return

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The free Holders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified as y^e Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and meet together at the Meeting house in said Town on Tuseday the Nineteenth Currant At Two of y^e Clock on sd day

1st To see if the Town will agree upon a Rule to Raise money To Defray Town Charges

2 To Allow Bills of Charge

3 To see if the Town will agree that y^e advice of the Reverend Ministers Concerning Mr William Osgood shall be Entered in the Town Records: to wit the advice that was Left by y^e Reverend Mr ffiske and others

4 to Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

5 to Accept of the Return of the Committe that was Chosen to Turn y^e way that Layeth through Jacob Redingtons Land.

Jacob Towne

Dated Topsfield September 16th 1727 William Redington

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield Benja^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sept^r 19th 1727

1 Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 The Town agreed that the Selectmen in apportioning the Town Rate (that shall be needful for y^e Defraying y^e town Charges for this year) shall Lay five shillings on Each Ratable pole to Every hundred pounds and so in that proportion for a Greater or Lesser sum
voted

3 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark Eighteen shillings for six mens dinners viz y^e four Reverend Ministers; and two Mr Osgoods. and also thirteen shillings & six pence for other nescesarys for s^d Gentlemen on y^e Day that the Ministers Gave their advice to y^e Town Concerning Mr Osgood
voted 1-11-0

4 The Town allowed to Joseph how fifteen shillings for sweeping y^e meeting house from y^e Twenty first day of October 1726 till sometime in June 1727
0 15 0

5 The Town Allowed to Mr Simon Bradstreet for serving school-master in 1727
1 0 0

6 The Town Allowed to y^e widow Anne Averill fourty shillings for keeping and Looking after y^e widow Mary Averill five weeks some time y^e Last spring
2 0 0

7 The Town allowed to Ephraim Willdes three shillings for Carrying y^e wido Mary Averill from Jonathan Willdes his house to the widow Phebe Goodhalls in y^e year 1726
0 3 0

8 The Town Allowed to John Wildes Eight shillings for warnning Two Town meetings some time in y^e summer past
voted 0-8-0

9 Samuel Howlett & Joseph Dorman are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

The freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified And warned to Assemble and meet together at the meeting house in Topsfield On Tuseday the thirty first Currant at twelve of the Clock on said day

1 To Choose a Representative to serve in a Great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be holden at the Court House in Boston Upon Wednesday the Twenty second

Day of November next Ensuing the Date hereof

2 To allow Bills of Charge

3 To see if the Town will take further Care that the Parsonage Land May be fenced in

Dated Topsfield October 28th 1727

Jacob Towne

David Commings Constable of Topsfield

Thomas Gould

Benja^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield October 31st 1727

1 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

voted

2 Quartermaster Nath^l Bordman is Chosen Representative to serve at a General Court or Assembly to be holden at y^e Town house in Boston On y^e Twenty second Day of November next Ensuing

voted

3 The Town Allowed to Jacob Robinson Jacob Towne & Benjamin Towne seven shillings and six pence for perambulating on y^e Line between Salem and Topsfield in April 1727

voted 0-7-6

4 The Town Allowed fourteen shillings to Clerk Elisha Perkins for Entertaining Mr White and his horse four Sabbath Days y^e summer past

voted 0 14 0

5 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark two pound four shillings and six pence for keeping a minister & his horse Eight Sabbath Days

voted 2 4 6

6 The Town allowed to Mr Daniel Clark one pound for going to Boston and fagintown four Day to prevent sd fagintown being set off as a township

voted 1 0 0

7 The Town allowed to Thomas Gould Joseph Towne one pound four shillings for going to Desire the Reverend Ministers to meet together in Topsfield to Give their advice to the Town and Church Concerning Mr William Osgood

voted 1 4 0

8 The Town Allowed to Thomas Gould five shillings for Perambulating with Ipswich Men in 1724 & with Boxford in 1727

voted 0 5 0

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified for Voting as y^e Law Directs are hereby Notified and warn^d to Assemble and Meet together

at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on y^e seventeenth Currant
at one of the Clock after noon on sd Day

First To see what Method the Town will take to Supply
y^e Pulpit

2 To see what y^e Town will do in order to Clear with Mr
William Osgood

3 To Allow bills of Charge

4 To see if y^e Town will Abate the Inhabitants on y^e south
side of Nickolls Brook to the Ministers Rate

5 To see if the Town will Joyn with y^e Non Petitioners in
Topsfield to try to Prevent their being set off from us

Jacob Towne

Dat^d November y^e 8th 1727

Thomas Gould

John Willdes Constable of Topsfield William Redington

Paul Averill

Benjamin Towne

Thomas Robinson

Selectmen of Topsfield

Job Averill

John Commings

Daniel Towne

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield November 17th
1727

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this
Meeting voted

2 The Town agreed to make Choice of one out of the
three Ministers that have Lastly Preacht with us (viz: Mr
fritz Gerald Mr Tappan & Mr Bradstreet) to Preach to &
among us some time longer upon probation voted

3 The Town having brought in their votes for one of said
Ministers it appeared that Mr Benjamin Bradstreet had the
Major part of y^e votes

4 Deaⁿ John Howlet Mr Nath^l Porter & Mr Elisha Per-
kins are Chosen a Committe to Inform the Reverend Ben-
jamin Bradstreet that the Town hath made Choice of himself
to preach to and Amongst us two months Longer: and also
the said Committe are to Agree with y^e s^d Mr Bradstreet
for s^d service voted

5 Mr Nath^l Porter Mr Thomas Gould & Mr Benjamin
Towne are Chosen a Committe to Agree with Mr William
Osgood Concerning y^e Parsonage in Topsfield and also to

git an aquitance from s^d Osgood to Clear the Town from all Covenants and agreements that are between said Mr Osgood & y^e Church & Town of Topsfield voted

6 The Town allowed to Samuel Smith two shillings for Timber to mend the Bridge near the Meeting house voted

To David Commings Constable of Topsfield Greeting &c You are Hereby Required in his Majisties name to Notifie and warn the Inhabitance of Topsfield one South Side of y^e River: such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs: to assemble and Meet together at the meeting house in sd Topsfield On Wednesday the Twenty second Currant at one of the Clock after noon on sd: first To see if the Town will agree to Give Mr Benj^a Bradstreet A Call to y^e Ministry amongst us: or to seek Some other way to suply Pulpit 2ly: To Allow bills of Charge And make Return of your so doing at time and place as you will answer y^e Contrary at y^e Perrill of the Law Jacob Towne

Dat^d Topsfield November y^e 20th 1727 Thomas Gould
William Redington
Benj^a Towne
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Novem^r 22: 1727
1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Whereas the Church hath agreed to give the Reverend Mr Benj^a Bradstreet A Call to the work of the Ministry in Topsfield The Town Readily Concurs therewith voted

3 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen to Joyn with y^e Committe y^t y^e Church hath already Chosen to give the Reverend Mr Benj^a Bradstreet a Call to y^e work of the Ministry in Topsfield voted

4 The Town Agreed that in Case Mr Bradstreet is unable at present or if he doth not incline to preach amonge us any more then Deaⁿ John Howlett Mr Elisha Perkins & Mr Nath^l Porter are impowered to provide some other minister to preach with us the two next Sabbaths voted

5 The Town allowed to John Wilds Constable fifteen shillings & four pence it being an abatement of Nathan Hoods head money to y^e province & ministers Rates in y^e year 1726 he being out of Town before y^e s^d rates were made voted

The Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law directs are Notified and warn^d to Assemble and meet together at the meeting house in Topsfield on Monday y^e fourth Day of December Currant at one of the Clock in the afternoon on s^d Day

first To see what method the Town will take to Supply the Pulpit Whether By sending a Com^{tee} to any Perticular gentleman or to Leave it to a Committe to gitt such an one as they may think fitt for s^d service

2ly To Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield December y^e first 1727 Jacob Towne

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield Thomas Gould

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town meeting in Topsfield December y^e 4:
1727

first Mr Nathaniel Porter is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Whereas The Church have Agreed to Give Mr Bezaleel Tappan a Call to settle with us in y^e Ministry in Topsfield; the Town Doth now Concur therewith voted

Notwithstanding y^e Last vote the Town for some Reasons Did Decline sending a Committe to the sd Mr Tappan

3 Mr Joseph Towne Mr Thomas Gould & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe To procure a Minister or Ministers to Dispencc the word of God to & amongst us in Topsfield the four next Sabbaths: And s^d Committe are to agree with such minister Or ministers as they shall git for said service voted

The free holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as Are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting Are Hereby Notified and warned to Assemble and meet together at the Meeting House in Topsfield On Tuseday the second Day of January Next at Twelve of y^e Clock on said day

1 To see what Method the Town will take for y^e further supplying of the pulpit in Topsfield

2 To see how the Town will Support the Ministry

3 To see if the Town will give Mr Jacob Eliot an Invita-

tion to Preach to & amongst us in Topsfield sometime Longer in Order to his settlement with us in the Ministry

4 To see How much money [y^e Towne] will order to be Raised to Defray Town Charges

5 To see What y^e Town will do with y^e intrest of the Loan Money

6 To Allow Bills of Charge	Jacob Towne
Dated Topsfield December y ^e 28: 1727	Thomas Gould
John Willdes Constable for Topsfield	Benj ^a Towne
	Will ^m Reddington
	Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Jan^{ry} y^e 2nd: 1727-8

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 The Town agreed to give Mr Jacob Eliot an Invitation to Preach to and amongst us in Topsfield sometime Longer in Order to his Settlement with us in y^e ministry voted

3 Mr Thomas Gould Mr Joseph Towne & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe to Discourse with s^d Mr Eliot to see if he will see Cause to preach sometime Longer amongst us in Answer to the above written vote voted

4 The Town Agreed that y^e present Selectmen shall Raise or Levie a Tax of one hundred & Thirty pounds to Defray Town Charges voted

5 The Town agreed that the Town Treasurer shall Receive y^e Intrest of y^e Towns Loan Money (for y^e year past) of the other Trustees viz Cap^t Gould & Deaⁿ Howlett for y^e towns use voted

6 The Town agreed that y^e Committee viz Thomas Gould Joseph Towne and Jacob Peabody shall have power to Draw Money out of y^e town Treasurey to pay Mr Eliot for his service in y^e Ministry as Long as he shall Preach to & amongst us in Topsfield upon y^e above written vote at Thirty shillings per day voted

7 The Town Allowed to David Commings Constable Eleven shillings for warning three Town meetings in y^e summer past voted O-II-O

8 The Town Allowed to John Willdes Constable four shillings for warning a town meeting in November Last past

voted 0-4-0

9 The Town Allowed to Mr Elisha Perkins Ten shillings for Entertaining Mr Benj^a Bradstreet four Sabbaths in y^e summer past

voted 0 10 0

10 The Town Allowed to Thomas Dwinel three shillings for Three Trees to mend y^e town bridge

voted 0 3 0

11 The Town Allowed to Benj^a Towne two shillings for Timber to mend y^e ways in 1727

voted

12 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark one pound nine shillings & four pence which is for the glass that John Smith set & mended in the meeting house y^e year past Except Mrs. Bakers pew windo & y^e glass in the west pew above

voted 1 9 4

13 The Town Allowed to y^e Assessors viz Jacob Towne Thomas Gould Benjamin Towne and William Reddington for taking y^e valuation of the Towns Estate in 1727 five pound twelve shillings

5 12 0

Boston June 21st 1727

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield by Mr Nath^l Porter fifty one pound being the second fifth part of their Proportion of the £ 50 000 Loan

for my mas^r Jer^e Allen Treasurer

P Geor: Rogers

The Inhabitants of the town of Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting As the Law Directs are Notified & Warn^d to assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e thirteenth Currant at Eleven of y^e Clock on sd day

first To see if the Town will Concur with y^e Church In giving the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot a Call to the Work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield

2 If the Towne Dont see Cause to Concur With the Churches vote in Calling y^e s^d Mr Eliot then to Chuse a Committe to supply the Pulpit some other way as they may think best

3 To see If the Town will abate y^e Inhabitants of our Town on the south side of Nickolses Brook their Rates or any part

of them which is made to Defray Town charges for this year

Dat ^d Topsfield February y ^e 6 th 1727-8	Jacob Towne
John Willdes Constable for Topsfield	Thomas Gould
A True Copy of the Notification	Benj ^a Towne
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk	Will ^m Reddington
	Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield ffeb:^y 13th 1727-8

1 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 The Town Agreed (& Concurd with the Church) to give the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot a Call to settle with us in the work of the Ministry in Topsfield voted

3 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen in behalf of y^e Town to Joyn with the Committe which the Church hath already Chosen to give the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot A Call to settle with us in the work of the Ministry in Topsfield voted

Topsfield Feb^{ry} 21st 1727-28

Received of Mr Jacob Peabody on behalf of the Town the sum of seven Pounds Ten shillings in full for my Preaching at Topsfield to this Day

P me Jacob Eliot

This is a True Copy of the Receipt attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting house in Topsfield On Tusday the fift day of March next at Eight of the Clock before noon on said day

1 To Chuse Town Officers as the Law Directs

2 To see if the Town will give Order to Enter the Advice of the Reverend Ministers to wit Mr ffisk & others Concerning Mr William Osgood in the Town Records:

Dat^d Topsfield ffebruary 22: Annoq: Domini 1727-8

	Jacob Towne
	Thomas Gould
John Wilds Constable for Topsfield	Benja ^a Towne
	William Reddington

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 5th
1727-8

1 En^s Timothy Perkins is Chosen moderator for this
meeting voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year
Ensuing voted

3 M^r Nath^l Porter is Chosen Town Treasurer for the year
Ensuing voted

4 Joseph Dorman & Francis Peabody are Chosen Con-
stables for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 En^s Amos Dorman & Zacheus Gould Quarter^{mstr} Nath^l
Bordman Ivory Hovey & William Redington are Chosen
Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 Doc^t Michael Dwinel John Nickols & Luke Averill are
chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

7 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen sealer of Leather for y^e
year Ensuing voted

8 John Dwinel & Ephraim Willdes are Chosen Sirveyers
of y^e highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

9 John Burton & Joseph Knight are Chosen field drivers
for the year Ensuing voted

10 Mr Daniel Clark & Jacob Robinson are Chosen fence
viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 David Balch & Edmon Towne are Chosen Hogreeves
for y^e year Ensuing voted

12 Richard Town is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year En-
suing voted

13 The Town agreed to take up with y^e Reverend Minis-
ters Advice viz Mr ffisk & Others Respecting Mr William
Osgood & the Church & Town of Topsfield and Ordred
that y^e s^d Advice should be Entred on the Town Book

voted

The Town Officers that ware Chosen at y^e above said
meeting of whom an oath is by Law Required; all appeared
at the house of M^r Daniel Clark inn holder in Topsfield im-

mediatly after said meeting was over & tooke the oath Proper for their Respective Offices before the Selectmen & Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being Convened in Topsfield July: 19th 1728 Att the Instance & Request both of ye Town & church in this place, to give our advice to them refering to y^e Difficulty of their Circumstances The Rev^d Mr William Osgood with whom this Town & Church had Agreed to settle with in y^e Ministry having Left them

Having had their s^d Circumstances Laid before us together with the Reasons of y^e Late Conduct of Mr Osgood in Desistting from y^e work of y^e Ministry amongst them Do give our thoughts and advice in reference thereto as follows viz

1 We find there has been a Mutual Covenant Entred into between Mr William Osgood & the Church & Town of Topsfield that he should settle with them in y^e Ministry

2 We find there have been unhappy and grievous rumours & Reports spread with respect to Mr Osgood that Carry in them great Detrusion: which Rumours & Reports we dont find ever to have been proved against him or that he has been ever Dealt with in an Ecclesiasticale way, or before y^e Civell Magistrate for y^e same, which we think Carrys in it a presumptive argument that they are without proof. Otherwise that those who might & whose duty seems to have been Concerned in their setting things in a Clear Light have been to blame y^t they have not done it: but suffered things for so Long a time to Continue in y^e Dark to y^e great Disturbance of y^e peace and hendrance of y^e Edification of y^e People of God in this place

3 We must needs approve & Commend the Church & Town of Topsffeld in the Tender Regard they have manifested both with respect to their own Covenant with Mr Osgood and also with respect to his Reputation

4 Inasmuch as M^r William Osgood has Pleaded as y^e Reasons of his Conduct in Desisting from y^e work of the Ministry in this place that y^e Obstructions he has met with as to his being Ordained to y^e Ministry and the Manifold Reflections that have been Cast upon him are so great a burden upon his mind that upon Experience he finds himself unable to

bear up under it, so as to go on in his ministerial work with that Chearfullness & freedom which he thinks Necessary, for gods glory, the good of this People, & his own Comfort. And for y^e same Reasons still Moves that the Covenant between him & this Church & Town, May by them be relinquished and disannulled—We do therefore upon the whole Considering the Exhortation Taking y^e Oversight thereof not by Constraint but willingly—Advise That this Church & Town fall in with Mr Osgoods motion, he repeating y^e same to them in writing under his hand, and Dismise him from the Obligations he has in Compliance with their Call, brought himself under to serve them in the ministry

Finally Brethren in the Bowells of Christ we do Exhort you seriously to Examine into and humble yourselves Deeply before God, for whatsoever may have been amidst in the Hours of Temptation, that you strive to Abound in Love Each to other, studying and pursueing the things that make for peace & where with one may Edifie another, uniting in your fervent prayers to God that he would give you Peace always & by all means And that in his own due time (& may it be speedily) he would happily resettle y^e Gospel Ministry Amongst you; Thus Commending you to gracious Care & guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ the great Shepherd of y^e Sheep & Bishop of Souls We remain your Affectionate ffrinds and servants in Christ Jesus

To the Church & Town
of Topsfield

Samuell ffisk
John Barnard
Benj^a Prescott
Daniel Putnam

This is a True Copy of y^e Advice of the above said Reverend Ministers To the Church & Town of Topsfield Attest
Jacob Peabody To: Cler

To the Church & Town of Topsfield
Gentlemen

These may Certifie—you that I do freely fully & forever aquit and absolve you from all Covenants & Agreements that are between you and myself: And I do sincerely Desire & wish your Speedy & Lasting Resettlement in y^e Ministry: And pray that y^e god of peace wisdom and Order would be with you and specially aid and assist you for that end as witness My hand

Salem Dec^r 8: 1727

William Osgood

A True Copy of Mr [Osgood's] Aquittance sent To y^e Church and Town of Topsfield Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders and Other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs are Here by Notified & warned to Assemble and meet together at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e 19th of March Currant at 12 of y^e Clock on sd Day

1 To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court according to warrant

2 To see if the Town will Choose one or Two Men to go to Ipswich Court to be holden on y^e Last Tuseday of March Currant With a Petition for Money to Defray y^e Charge of Repairing the bridge & Causeway adjoining to y^e sd Bridge which is Comonly Called the Town Bridge in Topsfield

3 To see if y^e Town will see Cause to reconsider their vote in Concurring with the Church in giving Mr Jacob Eliot a Call to y^e work of the ministry in Topsfi^d

4 To Allow Bills of Charge

Amos Dorman

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 14: 1727

Zacheus Gould

Nath^l Bordman

Will^m Redington

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 19th 1727-8

1 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen to serve on y^e grand jury at y^e next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

3 Mr Daniel Clark & Thomas Gould are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 Quarter Master Nath Bordman & Mr John Wildes are Chosen to Petition to the Court of general Sessions of y^e Peace to be holden at Ipswich on y^e Last Tuseday of March Currant To see if y^e Honourable Court will Please to allow

any thing towards the repairing of y^e Bridge which is over y^e River in Topsfield (Commonly Called the Town Bridge) & the Causway adjoining to it voted

5 The Town Allowed To Doc^t Samuel Wallis of Ipswich the sum of five pounds sixteen shillings & six pence for Curing y^e widow Mary Averills knee in y^e year 1726

voted £1-16-6

6 The Town allowed to Doc^t Michael Dwinell one shilling & six pence for perambulating with Wenham men on y^e Line between Wenham & Topsfield in May anno; 1727 £0-1-6

7 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark six shillings for his trouble in keeping and waiting on John Smith when he mended the Meeting house glass in 1727 o 6 o

The free Holders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified for voting as the Law Directs are hereby notified and warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e 2ⁿ Day of Aprill next Ensuing the Date hereof at 12 a Clock on s^d day

1 To see If the Town will Choose three Trustees, to go to y^e Province Treasurer for the Towns Proportion of y^e 60000 pound Bank of Loan Money and to Impower s^d Trustees to Let out s^d Money as the Town shall Agree at this present Meeting

2 To See if y^e Town will Agree upon a Sallary and settlement for the Suport of Mr Jacob Eliot in y^e work of y^e Ministry among: us: and to Chuse a Committee to Inform s^d Mr Eliot of the Towns proceeding Concerning his Sallary and Settlement with us

3 To see if the Town will Provide Plank to Cover y^e Town Bridge

4 To see if the Town will Agree to Set y^e swine go at Large this year

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 20th 1727-8 Amos Dorman
Joseph Dorman Constable for Topsfield Zacheus Could
Nath^l Bordman
William Reddington
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Aprill y^e 2nd 1728

1 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The freeholders Agreed to Choose Trustees to Receive of y^e province Treasur this Towns Proportion of y^e Sixty thousand pound of Loan money Agreeable to An Act Made & Passed in the General Court in 1727
voted

3 Mr Amos Dorman Mr Eliezer Lake & Jacob Peabody are Chosen Trustees to Receive and Let out sd Money according to such Rules as the Town shall now agree upon
voted

4 The Town agreed that the said Trustees shall Let out sd Money at six pound percent per annum
voted

5 The said Trustees shall not Let out above Twenty pound of s^d money to any person nor under five pound: And s^d Trustees shall not Keep any more of s^d Money for their own perticular use then is allowed by this vote to any Other person and not to Let out any of s^d money to any out Towns person
voted

6 The Town agreed to give to the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot one hundred pounds per annum for his sallary if God in his providence shall settle him in y^e work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield
voted

Amos Dorman	Jacob Dorman	John Perkins
Elisha Perkins	David Commings	Jacob Perkins
Benj ^a How	Stebbins Comings	Jonathan Perkins
Nath ^l Bordman	Samuel Towne	Joseph Dorman
Timothy Perkins	Joshua Towne	William Towne
Benj ^a Towne	Edmon Towne	Zacheus Gould
Daniel Towne	John Commings	John Dwinel

These several Persons here above Named All Entered their Contrary Dissent to the Last vote above written

7 The Town agreed to have y^e Town Bridge over y^e River in Topsfield Covered with Plank this Summer
voted

8 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Provide Plank two inches & a half thick and fourteen foot long: good white oak Plank to cover s^d bridge as aforsd
voted

9 The Town agreed that swine should go at Large this year according as the Law gives Liberty
voted

10 Mr Thomas Gould Mr Zacheus Gould & Mr Joseph Towne & Jacob Peabody are Chosen to Inform the Reverend

Mr Jacob Eliot what the Town has Done this Day Respecting his sallary for his work in the Ministry in Topsfield voted

Amos Dorman Eliezer Lake & Jacob Peabody being Chosen Trustees to Receive & Let out the Towns Proportion of the sixty thousand pound Bank of Loan money: were sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Duty & Trust in that Capacity before y^e Selectmen of Topsfield on y^e Nineth day of Aprill, Anno Domini 1728

Entred by Order of y^e Selectmen Jacob Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as y^e Law Directs are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Mōday y^e 29th day of Aprill Currant at Twelve of y^e Clock on sd Day

first to Chuse a Representative to go to y^e Great and General Court to be holden at Boston this year According to Warrant

2 To Recive the Answer which Mr Jacob Eliot sent to Zacheus Gould one of y^e Committe men which Made Return to y^e s^d Mr Eliot of y^e Towns proceedings at our Last Town Meeting

3 By the Desire of Ten or More freeholders of our Town to see if y^e Town will Concur with y^e Church in giveing Mr Bezaleel Tappan a Call to y^e work of y^e Ministry amongst us in Topsfield and chuse a Committee to Inform y^e said Mr Tappan of y^e Towns Proceeding in s^d afair also to see what y^e Town will give to y^e sd Mr Tappan for his sallary and settlement with us if he will be pleased to take up with us and if y^e s^d Mr Tappan dont see cause to take up with us then to Impower the y^e same Committe to Supply y^e Pulpitt some other way

4 By the Desire of Ten or more freeholders To see if the Town will give Mr Jacob Eliot a settlement to support him in the work of y^e Ministry amongst us and to Choose a Committee to Accompt with Mr Eliot for his Past service Amongst us

5 To see if If y^e Town will agree to Repair or Rebuild y^e Pound and make it According to Law

6 To allow Bills of Charge

Dat ^d Topsfield Aprill y ^e 22 : 1728	Amos Dorman
	Zacheus gould
Joseph Dorman Constable	Nathaniel Bordman
for Topsfield	Will ^m Reddington
	Selectmen of Topsfield

This is True Copy of the Notification Attest Jacob Pea-
body Town Clerk

At a Legall Town meeting in Topsfield Aprill y^e 29th 1728
1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
ing voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e
Town Agreeable to y^e Precept Lately sent to y^e selectmen
voted

3 The second & third Perticulars or Articles in y^e notifi-
cation for the warning this Meeting were brought under
Consideration in order: and after Considerable Debate had
thereupon they past a vote upon Each of them in order to
dismise them as not thinking it Convenient to act anything
upon them

4 The Town Agreed to give to the Reverend Mr Jacob
Eliot one hundred Pounds in bills of Credit toward his set-
tlement & for his Encouragement to settle with us in y^e Min-
istry to be paid as the Town & Mr Eliot shall agree if s^d
Mr Eliot shall be Ordain^d & settled in y^e ministry in Tops-
field voted

5 Mr Nathaniel Aaveril Mr Elisha Perkins & Mr John
Willds are Chosen a Committe to Adjust Accounts with y^e
Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot for his past service in y^e work of
y^e Ministry amongst us and also to Desire s^d Mr Eliot to
give or send his Answer to y^e Town in full Refering to his
settling with us in the Ministry in Topsfield

6 John Perkins & Jonathan Willdes are Chosed to Repair
y^e Pound if repairing will Doo: but if not they are to Build
& make a good sufficient pound that will Answer y^e Law
voted

7 The Town Allowed six shillings to Eben^r Nichols for
warning Two town meetings in 1726 voted 0 6 0

8 The Town allowed Eighteen shillings to Dan Clark for
sweeping the meeting house thre Quarters of a year in 1727
voted 00-18-0

To Mr Joseph Dorman Constable of Topsfield you are hereby Required in his Majesties Name to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants on y^e north side of the River in Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as the Law directs To Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Munday y^e sixth day of May Currant at two of y^e Clock on s^d day afternoon

1 To Receive Mr Jacob Eliots Answer to the Town

2ly To see If the Town will see Cause to Choose a Committe to Inform M^r Bezabeel Tappan that he has a Call to y^e work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield: By the Church and a Concurrance by y^e Town And to see what the Town will give him for his sallary & settlement if he sees Cause to take up with us to settle here in y^e work of y^e Ministry: but if y^e s^d Mr Tappan dont see Cause take up with us

To Give the same Committe Power to supply the Pulpit some other way as the Town may think best: or if y^e town dont see Cause to send to y^e s^d Mr Tappan then to Choose a Committe to supply y^e Pulpit as y^e Town shall Agree

3 To Allow Bills of Charge fail not to make Return of your doing at time & pl

Dat^d Topsfield May y^e 4th 1728

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Nath^l Borman

William Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

A proper Return was made & the Inhabitants on y^e south side of y^e River being likewise warn^d the meeting was as folows

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 6th 1728

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

voted

2 The Town agreed that y^e answer which Mr Jacob Eliot has sent to y^e Town this Day shall be Entred in y^e Town Book

voted

3 The Town past a Vote to Manifest their minds for Mr Tappan to be our minister by Proxse

voted

4 The Town having brought in their Proxse it Appeared that y^e s^d Mr Tappan had a great Majority of votes

5 En^s Amos Dorman Mr Nath^l Borman & Mr Elisha Perkins are Chosen a Committe to Inform the Reverend Mr

Bezaleel Tappan of y^e Town proceeding this day Referring To his being our minister & to give the sd Mr Tappan an Invitation to Preach sometime with us in Order to a Settlement in y^e work of y^e ministry In Topsfield voted

6 But in Case y^e sd M^r Tappan shall Decline Comming to Preach amongst us then s^d Committe are Impowered to provide some other Minister or Ministers to preach to and Amongst us the four Next Sabbaths voted

7 The Town allowed five pound to Mr. Tobijah Perkins for keeping Mr Eliot & horse Ten weeks in y^e winter past
voted 5 0 0

Mr Eliots Answer To the Church and Town of Topsfield.

Honored and Beloved

After a further and full Consideration of the Call you have given me to the work of the Ministry among you and all the Circumstances thereof: I Cannot see my way clear to accept it; since you were so much divided in your Choice and Remaining so or more so still; as has been Manifested in some Votes Referring thereto. In hopes therefore of greater peace, Love and Union, among yourselves I do by these presents discharge myself of the Obligations I have been under to supply your Pulpit: & shall not upon y^e Present foundation Continue my Ministerial Labours among you any Longer—so praying that you may fully unite in your Affections to one another and in such an one to be your Pastor as may through the glorious Head of Influences be a happy Instrument of Promoting Peace and Holiness Among you; I Remain a fervent Well Wisher of your Temporal and Eternal Happyness

Jacob Eliot

Boston May y^e 2^d 1728

This is a True Copy of Mr Eliots Answer to the Church & Town of Topsfield Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting as the Law Directs are hereby notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday y^e 27th Day of May Currant at one of y^e Clock on s^d day afternoon

first To see if y^e Town will see Cause to make Choice of

Mr John Emerson to supply the Pulpit some time Longer in order to his settlement with us in ye work of the Ministry & to Choose a Committe to discourse with y^e sd Mr Emerson in y^e s^d afair & to make return to y^e Town if y^e Town do agree as above sd: but if y^e Town or Mr Emerson refuses then to Impower y^e same or Chuse another Committe to supply y^e Pulpit some other way as the Town shall agree

2ly To see if y^e Town will Impour y^e Com^{tee} to draw money out of y^e Town Treasury to pay y^e s^d Mr Emerson for his service with us

3 To see if y^e Town will Impower y^e former Trustees to Pay in y^e 5th part of y^e Towns Loan Money to ye Province Treasurey

4 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated in Topsfield May the 24th 1728 Amos Dorman

Joseph Dorman Constable Zacheus Gould

of Topsfield Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 27th 1728
first Deaⁿ Daniel Reddington is Chosen Moderator for
this meeting voted

2 The Town have made Choice of the Reverend Mr John Emerson to supply the Pulpit some time Longer in order to his settlement with us in y^e work of the Ministry in Topsfield
voted

3 Deaⁿ Daniel Reddington Deaⁿ John Howlett Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Nath^l Bordman & Mr Ivory Hovey are Chosen a Committee to discourse with s^d Mr Emerson in s^d afair and if s^d Mr Emerson shall Refuse to Come as afore s^d the sd Com^{tee} are Impowered to supply the Pulpit by some other gentle^m four Sabbaths next after he so Refuses voted

4 The Town agreed that y^e Com^{tee} viz Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Amos Dorman & Mr Nath^l Bordman are Impowered to draw money out of y^e Town Treasury to pay said Mr. Emerson for his preaching amongst us four Sabbaths voted

5 The Town agreed & ordred that y^e former Trustees shall pay in y^e third: fitt part of y^e Towns former Loan money to the Province Treasurer by y^e first of June next voted

6 The Town Allowed to Dan Clark two shillings which

with Eighteen shillings that y^e town hath already allowed:
Makes one pound for sweeping ye meeting house three
Quarters of a year in 1727 voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops-
such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law directs are here-
by Notified & Warn^d to assemble and meet together in y^e
meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e 2nd day of July
next at 12 of y^e Clock on s^d day

1 To see if y^e Town will Choose a Com^{tee} to Provide
Quarters for Mr John Emerson and to agree with him for his
service with us in y^e future

2 To see if the Town Chuse a Com^{tee} to Joyn with Red-
ding Committe to Try if they can git a fish Course Cleared
up Ipswich River

3 To see what the Town will do Concerning the families
that Petition Not be set of to Wills hill &c.

4 to allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield June y^e: 1728

Joseph Dorman Constable
of Topsfield

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield July y^e 2nd 1728

1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Nath^l Bordman & Cap^t Joseph
Gould is Chosen Committe to provide Quarters for the Rev-
erend Mr John Emerson & Agree with him for his service in
the ministry amongst us for y^e future—Until the Town shall
otherwise agree voted

3 Mr Joseph Towne Mr John Hovey & Mr Benja^a Towne
are Chosen & Impowered A Committe to Joyn with y^e Com-
mitte y^t Redding hath Chosen to Try if they can git a fish
course clea^d up Ipswich River & y^e Town will stand by &
defend them in all their Lawfull Proseeding in: & of Prose-
cutting the same voted

4 The Town Allowed six pound for Mr Emersons preach-
ing amongst us y^e four last Sabbaths & En^s Amos Dorman is
hereby Impowered to draw money out of the Town Treas-
urey to pay s^d Mr Emerson for sd service voted

5 Mr Nath^l Bordman Mr Benja^a Towne & Mr Zacheus Gould are Chosen agents for the Town to prefer a Petition to y^e General Court at their next sessions that Mr Thomas Robinson Mr Job Averill Mr Paul Averill Mr John Comings & Mr Daniel Towne & all the Land Excluded within the following bounds May be again Laid & Restored to y^e Town of Topsfield to which they & s^d Land did formerly belong
voted

The ffreeholders & other of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as the Law directs are hereby Noti-oed & warned to assemble & meet together on Tuseday y^e 23 :Day of July Currant at 12 of y^e Clock on s^d day first to see if y^e Town will see Cause to Concur with the Church in giving Mr John Emerson a Call to y^e work of y^e ministry with us

2 To see what sallary & settlement y^e Town will agree to give to y^e s^d Mr Emerson for his support in y^e work of y^e Ministry with us

3 To Chuse a Committe to Inform y^e s^d Mr Emerson of y^e Towns proceeding and to Receive his answer and to make Return thereof to y^e Town at y^e next Town Meeting

4 To see if Town will Agree to Petition to y^e Great and General Court with those families that have Latly been Layd to Middleton that they may be Returned to us again

Dat ^d in Topsfield July y ^e 18 th 1728	Amos Dorman
Joseph Dorman Constable	Zacheus Gould
of Topsfield	Nath ^l Bordman
	Will ^m Reddington
	Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield July:23:1728

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Where as the Church did on y^e 16th of July 1728 agree to give the Reverend Mr John Emerson a Call to settle with us in y^e work of y^e Ministry The Town do now Readily Concur therewith
voted

3 The Town agreed to give to y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson one hundred pound in Bills of Publick Credit or in such other Money as shall be Commonly Passing amongst

us: for his sallary to support him in y^e work of the Ministry amongst us s^d hundred pound to be paid yearly & Every year so long as he shall Continue his Ministry amongst us, and also the Improvement of the Parsonage land in Topsfield during y^e s^d Term voted

4 The Town Agreed to give the Reverend Mr John Emerson Two hundred pounds in Bills of Credit for his Encouragement to settle with us in y^e work of the Ministry voted

Nath^l Porter Entred his Contrary dissent to y^e two Last votes above Entred

5 Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Jacob Towne & David Balch are Chosen a Com^{tee} (to Joyn with the Committe which y^e Church hath already Chosen) to give y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson a Call in behalf of y^e Town to settle with us in y^e work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield & s^d Committe which y^e Town hath now Chosen are to Receive Mr Emersons Answer to s^d Call and make Return thereof to the Town at y^e next Town meeting voted

6 Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr Nath^l Bordman are Chosen agents for y^e Town to Prefer a petition to y^e General Court at their next sessions that Job Averill Paul Averill Daniel Towne & John Commings with all y^e Lands Encluded within the following bounds (may be again Laid to Topsfield to which they & s^d Lands Did formerly belong) viz Beginning at Daniel Townes Corner Bound at Nickolses Brook & so enclosing s^d Towns Land to Comminges Land & so by Commingses Land to Ipswich voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as y^e Law Directs are hereby Notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the seventeenth day of September Currant at Twelve of y^e Clock on s^d day

first to Receive y^e Reverend Mr John Emersons Answer to y^e Town by ye Committe that was Chosen for y^t Purpose

2ly To Choose a Committe to make up Accumpts with y^e s^d Mr Emerson for the time past

3ly To see if y^e Town will agree to state a time when y^e s^d Mr Emersons yearly sallary will begin and how it shall be paid

4ly To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court According to Warrant

5ly To Choose a Constable for y^e south side of y^e River

6ly To see if y^e Town will take any further Care about Rebuilding y^e pound

Dated in Topsfield September

y^e 12th 1728

Joseph Dorman Constable
of Topsfield

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Nath^l Bordman

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield September y^e 17th 1728

1 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town Agreed to Receive & accept of y^e Reverend Mr John Emersons Answer that was brought to y^e Town this day
voted

3 The Town agreed that the Reverend Mr John Emersons yearly sallary for his ministry amongst us shall begin on y^e second day of September Currant & y^e one half of s^d yearly sallary shall be paid on or before the second day of September next following & so yearly
voted

4 Luke Averill & Samuel Bradstreet are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e next Inferior Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

5 Samuel Curtis is Chosen Constable for this year Ensuing until the Annual Town Meeting in March Next
voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quailified for voting as y^e Law Directs Arc hereby Notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Thursday the 24 day of October Currant at Eight of y^e Clock on s^d day

first To see if the Town will Concur with y^e Church as to y^e day Appointed for y^e Ordination of y^e reverend Mr John Emerson to y^e work of ministry Amongst us

2 To see what Method y^e Town will take to make necessary provision for y^e s^d Ordination and to Chuse a Committe and Impower them to take care of sd business

3 To see if y^e Town will Raise any money to defray Town
 Charges Amos Dorman
 Dated in Topsfield October y^e 17th 1728 Zacheus Gould
 Joseph Dorman Coustable of Topsfield Will^m Reddington
 Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield y^e 24: 1728

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
 voted

2 Whereas the Church have agreed to have y^e Reverend
 Mr John Emerson Ordained on y^e Last Wednesday of Nov-
 ember Next Ensuing the Town doe now Concur therewith
 voted

3 M^r Ivory Hovey Mr Zacheus Gould Mr Nath^l Bordman
 Mr Amos Dorman & Mr John Willdes are Chosen a Com-
 mitte to Provide houses and to take Care that suitable provi-
 sion be made at them for said Ordination voted

4 The Town agreed the present selectmen shall Levey a
 Tax of fifty pound (besides Mr Emersons sallary) to Defray
 town charges voted

Mr Daniel Clark Enters his Contrary Dissent to all the
 towns Votes Refering to the Ordination of y^e Reverend Mr
 John Emerson

Honoured and Beloved

Forasmuch as it has Pleased y^e Lord Jesus Christ the glori-
 ous head of the Church; whose I am and whom I desire to
 serve to incline your minds to give me an Invitation to fix
 among you in y^e very awfull & important work of y^e Minis-
 try: I have since taken this great affair into serious Consider-
 ation I have also advised with Reverend Elders in y^e Vicinity:
 and above all have Earnestly applied myself to y^e wonderfull
 Counsellour, that my way in this Monenteous Article may
 be made Plain before my face: and now after all I find my
 heart disposed to Embrace your Call; tho at y^e same time
 when I consider y^e Great Difficulty, the Vast Importance &
 awfull Solemnity of y^e work; to which you have Called me
 and my own Weakness & Insufficiency, my youth, want of
 Experience &c—When I Reflect upon these things I am
 ready to faint & be discouraged and sigh out the words of
 y^e Prophet ah LORD GOD I cannot speak for I am a

childe:—and to address y^e Lord in y^e words of Moses O My LORD send I pray thee by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. But then, when I Consider y^e Alsufficiency of CHRIST who (I trust) has Called me to this work: & who has Graciously Promised to be with his Ministers to y^e End of ye world; when I consider also your unanimity in y^e Call which you have given me; and further when I Consider the Effectual fervent prayers with which (I trust) you will wrastle with y^e God of Jacob on my behalf: These Considerations seem to Raise my sinking spirits to Answer my Objections and Constrain me to offer myself with y^e Evangelical Prophet here am I send me:—As to what you have Offered me for my outward Support I thankfully Accept it: And inasmuch as tis my principle (and I hope my practice will not be inconsistent) That a Minister of y^e Gospel shoul^d not intangle Himself in y^e Affairs of this Life but give himself wholly to his Proper work and Business: I therefore Cannot but hope that you will freely Minister as there shall be Occasion to my Necessity & for my Comfort: If I know my own heart tis with this special view that I Desire to reap of your Carnall things, that so I may attend upon y^e Business to which you have Called me without Distraction; and be y^e better inabled to minister unto you Spiritual things, for I trust I can say with y^e Apostle I seek not yours but you, and am willing to spend & be spent in your service. Aud now I beseech you brethren for y^e Lord Jesus Christs Sake and for y^e Love of y^e spirit that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me that I may be prepared to receive the Awfull Charge of your souls which may in y^e most solemn manner be given to me—that I may be more & more furnished for, disposed to, Assisted & incouraged in the great work of y^e gospel ministry Amongst you—that I may from time to time Come to you in y^e fullness of y^e Blessing of the Gospel of Christ & be made a rich & Lasting Blessing to you & yours: And that you & your Children may be made Comforte to me here, and a Crown of Rejoycing in that Day: when our Lord shall Come to be Glorified in his Saints and Admired by all them that believe

With these Earnest Desires I subscribe myself yours to serve in y^e gospel

John Emerson

This is A True Copy of Mr Emersons answer to y^e Church & Town of Topsfield Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At a Church Meeting in Topsfield October y^e 15th 1728

The Church agreed to have y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson ordained as soon as may be Conveniently Provided he will Consent to Rule in y^e Church according to y^e Platform of Church Discipline agreed upon by the Synod Conven^d at Cambridge in 1648

voted

This is A True Copy of y^e Churches Vote: Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

To the Church of Topsfield Gentlemen This may serve to Certifie & assure you that in y^e Government & Discipline y^t I shall Exercise: I shall by y^e Grace of God Endeavor as much as possible to Conform myself to y^e infallible Rule of y^e word of God and also to y^e Platform of our Church Discipline agreed upon by y^e Synod Conven^d at Cambridge in y^e year 1648

as witness my hand

John Emerson

This is A True Copy of Mr Emersons Answer to y^e Church in Reference to y^e above written note: Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The above written vote of y^e Church and Mr Emersons answer to it: were Entered in this Book that they may n o be Lost; but remain to after generations.

October 11th 1728 Received of Mr Elisha Perkins & Mr Nath^l Bordman Commite for y^e Town of Topsfield: y^e Sum of thirteen pounds Ten shillings for My Preaching in s^d Town untill y^e second day of Sep^r 1728 John Emerson 13:10:00

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

By Vertue of a Warrant from y^e Selectmen of Topsfield The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as y^e Law directs Are hereby Notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday y^e 18th Day of December Currant at 12 of y^e Clock on said day

To see if the Town will agree to or give order for y^e Raising any more money to Defray Town Charges: And to Allow Bills of Charge: And to see if y^e Town will Choose anybody to take Care of y^e widow Mary Averill &c

Dat^d in Topsfield December y^e 11th 1728 Joseph Dorman Constable of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield December y^e 18th 1728

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town Allowed Thirty Eight pounds Eight shillings 38 08 00 To the Committe that were Chosen to provide for y^e ordination of Mr Emerson namely Amos Dorman Zacheus Gould Ivory Hovey & John Willdes; for what they have been out for s^d ordination besides there time
voted

And then the Town Meeting was adjourn^d untill y^e 24th Day of Decem^r Currant At one of clock afternoon

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield begun & held on y^e 18th of Decem^r 1728 And adjourn'd untill y^e 24th Day of Decem^r Currant And then Met

The Town Allowed four pound to En^s Amos Dorman for Diating Mr Emerson sixteen weeks in th[e] summer past

voted 4 0 0

2 The Town Allowed Ten pound fourteen shillings & six pence To Cap^t Joseph Gould for plank to Cover the Town bridge over y^e River And for gitting & Carting y^e sd Plank in y^e Summer past

voted 10 14 6

3 The Town Allowed thirteen shillings & Eight pence to Stephen Johnson for mending the meeting house in November 1728

voted 00 13 8

4 The Town Allowed three shillings To Deaⁿ John Howlett for Timber to Mend y^e bridge near his house in summer past

voted 00 3 0

5 The Town Allowed two shillings to Tobijah Perkins for a string piece to Mend y^e bridge by Deaⁿ Howletts in Summer past

voted 00 2 0

6 The Town Allowed six shillings & two pence to Nath^l Averill for two string pieces & Eight slabs to mend Mile Brook bridge in 1728

voted 00 6 2

7 The Town Allowed one pound to Jacob Dorman for keeping y^e widow Mary Averill three weeks in y^e Last summer past voted 01 00 0

8 The Town allowed one pound Ten shillings to Ivory Hovey he haveing Expended so much on y^e widow Mary Averill in her Late sickness at y^e wido: Dormans 01 10 0

9 The Town Made Choice of Mr Nath^l Bordman & Mr John Willdes to Petition to y^e next sessions of the peace to be holden at Salem for some Allowance or help towards the Repairing y^e bridge over y^e River in Topsfield voted

10 M^r Eliezer Lake & Mr Thomas Dwinel are Chosen to take Care of the widow Mary Averill voted

11 The Town Made Choice of M^r David Balch To Take Care of the Towns Plank & other Timber which now Lyes by y^e Town bridge (so called) and to keep the same till further order from y^e town voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law directs are hereby Notified and warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e fourth day of March Ensuing at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning on sd day first To Choice Town Officers

2ly To order a highway to be Lay^d out to Boxford Line Convenient for passing from Topsfield meeting house to Boxford meeting house

3 To see how the Town will Dispose of y^e interest of y^e Loan money and to accompt with y^e Trustees: and to Choose another Trustee in y^e Room of En^s Amos Dorman Late Deceased

4 To see if y^e [Town] will Lay out a highway for Edmond Towne from his house to y^e town bridge

5 To see if y^e Town will see cause to alter y^e way that goeth through Jacob Reddingtons Land or to see if they will accept of y^e Committees return y^t was formerly Employe^d in s^d service

5 To see what Improvement y^e Town will Put y^e money too which is allowed us by y^e Quarter sessions toward Repairing our Town bridge

7 To see what y^e Town will doe Concerning fencing y^e Parsonage

8ly To see if y^e Town will see cause to try to have some of our Neighbours belonging to Ipswich farms to be Lay^d to us, Either as to parrish or Township

9 To see if y^e Town will agree to order some other Method to warn Town meetings

10 To see if y^e Town will Chuse a Com^{tee} to Discourse with y^e Reverend mr John Emerson to see if he will Preach a Monthly Lecture to us

11 To Chuse overseers of y^e Poor

12 to allow bills of Charge

Dated in Topsfield february 17th 1728-9

Joseph Dorman Constable
of Topsfield

By order of y^e
Selectmen of
Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 4th 1728-9

first Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Joshua Towne & Richard Towne are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

4 Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 Mr Joseph Bordman & Mr Thomas Gould are Chosen overseers of y^e Poor y^e year Ensuing voted

6 Deaⁿ John Howlett, Benjamin Towne, Eliezer Lake, David Balch & Jacob Peabody are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

7 Corp^l Joseph Towne John Prichard Ju^r & Daniel Reddington Ju^r are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

8 Mr John Hovey is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing voted

9 Jesse Dorman Aaron Estey & Jonathan Perkins are Chosen Surveyors of highways for the year Ensuing voted

10 Cap^t Joseph Gould & Daniel Gould are Chosen field Drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 Isaac Peabody & Jacob Perkins Jun^r are Chosen fence viewers for the year Ensuing voted

12 John Towne & David Commings are Chosen Hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

13 William Reddington is Chosen schoolmaster for y^e year Ensuing voted

14 The Town agreed y^t y^e money which y^e Court allowed towards y^e repairing the Town Bridge & y^e intrest of y^e Towns former Loan Money shall go to pay Town Debts And the selectmen are hereby ordered to Receive y^e s^d intrest money of y^e Trustees & to Deliver the same to y^e Town Treasurer & Mr John Willdes who had order from y^e Selectmen to Receive y^e money y^t y^e Court allowed as afores^d & is hereby ordered to pay in y^e same to y^e Town Treasurer: for y^e use aforesaid voted

15 Mr Tobijah Perkins is Chosen a Trustee in y^e room of En^s Amos Dorman Des^d voted

And then y^e meeting was adjorn untill Tuseday y^e Eleventh Currant at Twelve of a Clock

A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield (held by adjournment) on y^e 11th of March 1828-9

16 Quarter^{msr} Nath^{ll} Bordman Docter Michael Dwinel & M^r John Curtis are Chosen & Desired to go & discourse with En^s Thomas Tarbox: M^r John Got & Mr Samuel Gott (all of Wenham) Concerning y^e way which Leads from y^e Town bridge through their Lotts to see if they will give Liberty of a Convenient way for y^e Neighbours to go through said Lotts voted

17 Quarter^{mr} Nath^{ll} Bordman Mr Eliezer Lake & Mr Tobijah Perkins are Chosen a Committee to view y^e way that Leads through Jacob Reddingtons Land in order to turn it Giving Notice to all parties Concern^d to meet them at y^e Place & s^d Committe are hereby fully Impowered to Lay out a way as far as s^d Redingtons Land goes where they in their Judgement shall think most Convenient for y^e Town & y^e Proprietors Concern^d & the Neighbours that have most need of s^d way voted

18 Mr Jacob Estey is Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury for y^e year Ensuing voted

19 Daniel Gould & Thomas Dwinel are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at y^e next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich within & for y^e County of Essex voted

20 The Town Manifested by a vote that they were willing & desirous that our Neighbours belonging to Ipswich farms should be Laid to Topsfield as a Township voted

21 Deaⁿ John Howlet Mr Nathanill & Mr William Redington are Chosen a Committe to discourse our s^d neighbours about y^e affair to see if they will Joyn with Topsfield in Trying to be set off to us as afore sd voted

22 The Town agreed to fence in y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield by way of a Rate And Mr Eliezer Lake is Chosen to make up y^e sd Parsonage fence by y^e Last Day of May Next Ensuing to make some wall & some Railfence as he shall Judge Most Beneficial voted

23 Cler. Elisha Perkins Mr Ivory Hovey & Mr Jacob Estey are Chosen a Committe to discourse with y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson to see if he will Please to Preach a Monthly Lecture to us & sd Committe are to return his answer to the Town at y^e next Town meeting voted

24 The Town allowed to Thomas Dwinel one pound fifteen shillings for keeping y^e widow Mary Averil seven weeks in y^e winter past voted 01 15 0

25 The Town allowed to y^e widow Deborah Dorman & Jacob Byxbe fifteen shillings for keeping y^e widow Mary Averill six weeks in y^e begining of y^e winter past: they having had thirty shillings of Serg^t hovey for sd service

voted 0 15 0

26 The Town Allowed to Nath^l Capen five shillings for Cullouring the pulpit before Ordination of Mr Emerson

voted 0 5 0

27 The Town Allowed to Richard Towne Twenty shillings for serving Schoolmaster y^e Last year voted 1 0 0

All the Town officers y^t were Chosen for y^e year Ensuing of whom an oath is by Law Required were all sworn before y^e selectmen on y^e 4th & on y^e 11 day of March 1728-9 Entered by order of y^e selectmen: Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At the above said Town meeting March 11th 1728 9 Nathaniel Averill Jun^r & Eliezer Lake are Chosen to finde the bounds & straiten y^e Lines of y^e parsonage Land in Topsfield in order to fence it as above said voted

The ffreholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified according to Law for voting are hereby Warned & Notified to Assemble and meet together at the Meeting house in Topsfield: on Tuseday the first day of April next Ensuing the date hereof at one of y^e Clock afternoon on sd Day

1 To see if the Town will do anything to mend up any seats that are broken down in the meeting house

2 to give Liberty for swine to go at Large as the Law directs

3 to allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield March y^e 22 1728-9
Joshua Towne Constable

Benj^a Towne
} by order of
} the selectmen
} of Topsfi^d

At A Lawfull Towne Meeting in Topsfield Aprill: 1: 1729

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Towne Agreed that y^e seats y^t were broken in y^e meeting house at y^e ordination of Mr Emerson should be Repaired at y^e Towns Cost
voted

3 The Towne Made Choice of Stephen Johnson to repair s^d seats
voted

The Town gave Liberty for swine to go at Large according as y^e Law gives Liberty
voted

4 The Town agreed that the Present selectmen should Cast up Mr Zacheus Goulds Rates y^t were Committed to him as Constable viz the Country and Town Rates to see if they are short of what they are Called
voted

5 The Town allowed one pound seven shillings to Jonathan Wildes for keeping the Meeting house y^e Last year y^e year Ending Last March meeting
voted 01 07 00

6 The Town allowed to John Willdes Two pounds & six pence for going to Court to git some allowance towards y^e Repairing the Town bridge
voted 2 0 6

7 the Town Allowed to John Willdes five shillings & six pence for Joseph Kimballs Rates he being gone out of Town
voted 0 3 6

8 The Town allowed to Quar^{ter} m^r Nath^l Bordman one

pound five shillings for giting some help at Court toward repairing the Town Bridge voted 1 5 0

9 The Town Allowed to Benja^a Towne one shilling he having paid so much for Entering y^e Warning of Rebeckah Thorp out of Town on y^e Court Record voted 0 1 0

The freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of Topsfield duly Quallified by Law for voting: are warned and notified to Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday y^e seventh Currant at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning: To Chuse a Representative to serve at the General Court: and to Chuse a Committee to Reckon with mr Nathaniel Porter our former Town Treasurer: and to Choose a Committe to Repair our meeting house: and To see whether the Town will give Liberty for Mr^s Mary Baker to hang gates ACrose the way that Goeth allong by her house: And to see if the Town will finde a pew for y^e Reverend Mr Emerson: And to Receive the Committies Return that was Chosen to discourse with Ipswich farmers and to act upon it: and to order y^e interest of Towns Last Loan money according to y^e act: and to Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield May 1: 1729
Joshua Towne Constable
of Topsfield

John Howlett
Eliezer Lake
Dauid Balch
Benja^a Towne
Jacob Peabody
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 7th 1729

1 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 The Town Agreed that y^e Present Selectmen or y^e Major part of them shall Reckon with Mr Nath^l Porter our former Town Treasurer voted

4 Mr Ivory Hovey & Cap^t Joseph Gould are Chosen a Committe to discourse with Mr^s Capen to see if she would be willing that ye Ministers Wife should sit with her in y^e pew that she now sits in till the Town shall see Cause to provide otherwise voted

(To be continued.)

5 The Town Manifested by a vote y^t they were willing to Joyn with our Neighbours belonging to Ipswich farms & to be[ar] our proportion According to Estate of all Necessary Charges that shall or may arise in Trying to git our said Neighbours to be Layed to our Town as Township voted

6 Deaⁿ John Howlet Mr Thomas Gould & Mr William Reddington are Chosen a Committe to Joyn with the Committe that our s^d Neighbours shall Chuse to view y^e Land in said Ipswich farms & to see where a Line May Conveniently be stated to bring them into our Township voted

7 The Town Ordred y^e Trustees of y^e Last Loan Money to pay in the Intrest of sd money four pound percent to y^e Province Treasurer & fourty shillings percent to y^e Town Treasurer voted

8 The Town Allowed to Nathaniel Averill Jun^r three shillings for straighting y^e Lines round ye Parsonage
voted 0 3 0

9 The Town Allowed to Zacheus Gould sixteen shillings for four Trees to repair y^e Town bridge in y^e year 1728
voted 0 16 0

10 The Town Allowed to John Dwinell Eight shillings for Eight Trees to mend y^e ways in 1728 voted 0 8 0

11 The Town Allowed to y^e Trustees viz En^s Amos Dorman Eliezer Lake and Jacob Peabody one pound Eight shillings for their Trouble in gitting & Leting out the Towns Loan money till this time voted 1 8 0

12 The Town Allowed To Cap^t Joseph Gould fifty pounds two shillings for his service at y^e General Court as Representative in y^e year past voted

Cap^t Joseph Gould Abated three pound of y^e above s^d sum of fifty pounds two shillings so that there is due to

Cap^t Gould for sd service But fourty seven pound two shillings
47 2 0

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as y^e Law Directs for voting are Notified & Warned to meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e Tenth Currant at three of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon.

1 To Receive y^e return or account of Mr Eliezer Lake of fenceing in y^e parsonage.

2 To see if the Town will doe anything further about the highway by Jacob Reddingtons.

3. To see what the Town will Doe about sending in their Part of the first Loan Money To the Treasurer

4 To allow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield June the Seventh 1729

Joshua Towne Constable of Topsfield

Benjamin Towne by order
of the Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield June y^e 10th 1729

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town agreed y^t y^e Trustees for the Towns first Loan Money:shall Pay in the fourth fift part of y^e Town first Loan Money to y^e province Treasurer
voted

3 The Town Allowed Thirty seven pound sixteen shillings & Ten pence three farthings to Mr Eliezer Lake for fenceing in y^e Parsonage Land
£ 37 s 16 d 10 f 3

And Ten shillings for his trouble in procuring the Timber to fence in y^e parsonage
voted 0 10 00

4 The Town Allowed Ten pounds to John Perkins &

Jonathan Wildes for building the pound which was Raised
in Topsfield this year voted 10 00 00

5 The Town accepted of y^e return y^t y^e Selectmen made
of Casting the Country Rate that was formerly Committed
to Mr Zacheus Gould Constable to Collect: And sd select-
men find sd Rate to amount to one hundred Twenty Nine
pounds three shillings & Ten pence: Which is about thirteen
shillings More than he was to pay in to y^e province Treasurer
voted

Boston June 5th 1729

Received of the Trustees £ 60 000 for the Town of Tops-
field Ten pounds Eleven Shillings & three pence Interest for
Mr Trear Allen P Ja^s Allen

Boston July 4th 1729

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield fifty one the fourth fift
part of the £50 000 Loan by the hand of Mr Daniel Clark:

P Eben^r Swan in behalf & by order
of Jer Allen Treasurer

The two Copies Last Entered are True Copies
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Essex ss To Mr Joshua Town Constable of Topsfield
Greeting &c In his Majesties Name you are Required to
warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants on y^e North
side of y^e River in Topsfield to meet at the Meeting house in
Topsfield on Wednesday y^e Seventeenth Currant at one of
the Clock in y^e afternoon

1 To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

2 To see if the Town will Provide a Pew for the Reverend
Mr John Emerson During the Term of his Ministry among
us

3 To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to advise
with Ipswich farmers our neighbours and if the Town see
Cause to Chuse a Committee to Joyn with our s^d Neighbours
to Prefer a petition to the General Court that our sd neigh-
bours may be Lay^d to Topsfield

4 To see if the Town will give Liberty for George Cowan
to Live in the watch house some time

5 To Allow Bills of Charge. And make timely return of
your doings herein to one or more of the selectmen of Tops-

field hereof fail not as you will answer the Contrary at the
perril of the Law

Dat^d Topsfield Sept 12: 1729

John Howlett

In obedience to your warrant I have notified Benj^a Towne

and warned the within written Inhabitants David Balch

appear at time & place

Jacob Peabody

Joshua Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

Constable of Topsfield

A True Copy of the warrant & Return thereof

attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The south side of the river being warn^d & a proper return made the meeting is as followeth

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield Sept^r 17th 1729

Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2 Matthew Peabody & Daniel Reddington Jun^r are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery for and within the County of Essex
voted

3 The Town agreed to finde a Pew on y^e right hand of the
Coming in at the South Door of the meeting house for y^e
Reverend Mr John Emerson for his wife & family to sit in
during the Term of his ministry among us voted

4 The Town hath made Choice of Mr William Towne & Mr Daniel Clark to agree with some suteable Person to build a pew for Mr Emerson as above s^d: and to Give Instructions to s^d person how to build s^d pew voted

5 The Town having heard the Letter that was sent to us by the Committee for Ipswich farmers Referring to a further Tryal to be Laid to the Township of Topsfield the Town having considered the matter Agreed to send the following Answer to the s^d farmers viz ffrriends and Neighbours belonging to Ipswich farms: we being Informed by a Committee of yours of your proceeding with y^e Town of Ipswsch in y^t affair of being set off to the Township of Topsfield: and we understand y^t it past in ye Negative and we also understand that several of our adjacent Neighbours are very much against Lying in Township with us: We must say to such if they can provide for themselves better we shall be very glad of it Gentlemen We Cant Give you a More sincere Invitation than

we have done already the matter Lays with you to be well united among yourselves and We stand ready to Receive you we think it not proper to Prefer a petition to the General Court at present: so We Rest your friends & Neighbours of Topsfield

Deaⁿ John Howlett y^e present Moderator is Chosen to present a Copy of the above written answer to Ipswich farmers viz to y^e Committe of s^d farmers voted

6 The Town allowed thirteen shillings to Stephen Johnson for mending seats in the meeting house in may Last past voted 0 13 0

7 The Town allowed three pound sixteen shillings & two pence to mr Joseph Towne for his time & Expenses in Trying To Git a fish Course Cleared up Ipswich River voted 3 16 2

8 The Town allowed five pound one shilling & two pence to mr Benj^a Towne for his time & Expenses in Trying to git a fish Course Cleared up Ipswich river voted 5 1 2

9 The Town allowed two pounds fifteen shillings & two pence to Mr John Hovey for his time & Expences in Trying to git a fish Course Cleared up Ipswich river voted 2 15 2

This May Certifie Whom it May Concern that Although the Town of Topsfield At A Town Meeting May y^e 7th 1729 did Allow To me the subscriber fifty pounds two shillings for my service as Representative in the year 1728 (And I then Abated three pound of sd sum) And I have since said meeting Received the sum of fifty pound two shillings of the province Treasurer for y^e said service Therefore I Doe by these presents fully Aquitt & Discharge the said Town of Topsfield from the payment of s^d fifty pounds two shillings to me Notwithstanding the Town Vote: And also I have Delivered three pound of what I received as afore said: unto the Selectmen of Topsfield agreeable to y^e abatement above mentioned. Joseph Gould

Dat^d Topsfield Jan^y y^e 29th: 1729-30

This is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk And Entered by order of the selectmen of Topsfield

Boston 8th June 1727 Rec^d of Mr John Willdes Constable of Topsfield Sixty seven pounds thirteen shillings & Ten pence in full for my Master Jeremi Allen Treas^r

P Geo. Rogers

Boston June 4th 1728 Rec^d of Mr John Willdes Constable of Topsfield by mr Joseph Gould thirty six pounds Eleven shillings & three pence in full

P Jer: Allen Treasurer

The two Receipts Last Entred are True Copies attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Rec^d John Willdes Constable of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e sum of three pounds twelve shillings & 8^d in full for y^e County Tax for y^e s^d Town the 6th May 1727 P John Appleton Treasurer

Rec^d of John Willdes Constable of Topsfield the sum of five pounds sixteen shillings & 9^d in full for ye County Rate for s^d Town Aprill 10: 1728 P John Appleton Connty Tre^r

The two Receipts above Entered are True Copies Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Rec^d of Joseph Dorman Constable; Topsfield the sum of fifty three shillings and 1^d in full for the County Rate for y^e s^d Town

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Aprill 9th 1729

P John Appleton County Treasurer

Boston July the 4th 1729 Rec^d of Mr Joseph Dorman of Topsfield forty Nine pounds three shillings & five pence in full by the hand of Mr Daniel Clark

P Eben^r Swan

in behalf & by Order of Jer Allen: Esq^r Treasurer

Topsfield November 20th 1729 Rec^d of Mr Joseph Dorman Constable The full and Just sum of six pounds one shilling and five pence in full for the Town Rate I say Rec^d by me

Nath^l Porter Town Tre^r

The three Receipts Last Entred are True Copies Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

To Mr Joshua Towne Constable of Topsfield Greeting
In his Majesties Name you are required to Notife & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e north side of the River such as are Qualified for voting as y^e Law directs: To meet at y^e Meeting house in s^d Town on Tuseday the Third day of March Next at Eight of y^e Clock in the morning on s^d day: first To Choose Town Officers as the Law Directs

2ly To Reckon with y^e Town Treasurer

3 To accept of y^e Return of Laying out a way or ways
on y^e south side of y^e River in s^d Town said way being Laid
out in y^e year 1729

4 To Agree with y^e Proprietors about their fence that Joyns upon y^e Parsonage

5 To agree upon a Rule to Repair the Meeting house in
Topsfield

6 To see if the Town Will answer the Request of Mr^s Capen Referring to the Record Made in the Town Book Concerning herself & her Son Nathaniel

7 To see if y^e Town will allow y^e trustees of y^e Towns
Last Loan money to Let s^d money any Longer out of Town

8 To Allow Bills of Charge and make timely return of
your doings herein to one or more of y^e selectmen of Tops-
field as you will answer y^e contrary at y^e peril of y^e Law

the Inhabitants of y^e South Side of River being John Howlett
Eliezer Lake

Duly Warned & A Proper Return made on both	David Balch Benj ^a Towne
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Warrants the meeting is as followeth Jacob Peabody
Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 3rd
1729-30

Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year En-
suing voted

3 Luke Averill & John Dwinel are Chosen Constables for
y^e year Ensuing voted

4 Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for the year
Ensuing voted

5 Benj^a Towne Jesse Dorman Qu^{str} Nath^l Bordman John
Willdes & John Perkins are Chosen selectmen for y^e year
Ensuing voted

6 Joseph Bordman & Thomas Gould are Chosen overseers
of y^e poor voted

7 Thomas Dwinel & Joshua Towne are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e Year Ensuing voted

8 John Hovey is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year
Ensuing voted

9 David Commings Joseph Peabody Robert Perkins Daniel Gould & Aaron Estey are Chosen Surveyers of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

10 Jacob Dorman Samuel Smith & Jonathan Wildes are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 William Reddington is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year Ensuing voted

12 Israel Towne & Sam^l Curtis are Chosen hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

13 Benj^a Towne & David Balch are Chosen a Committee to Recken with Mr Nath^l Porter our former town Treasurer voted

14 The Town Accepted of the Return of Laying out the way from Mr Nath^l Porters Land to ye Northerly End of Mr Jacob Towns house Lott said Return bearing Date february y^e 20th 1729-30 voted

15 Whereas there is a Return made by a Committe: and is Entered in the 250th page of this Book: Which Cast some Reflection on Certain persons in this Town; the Town having Considered thereof: Do now agree to order that the names of s^d persons shall be wholly Rast out of s^d Return voted

16 Eliezer Lake Joseph Andrews & Joseph Dorman are Chosen a Committee to agree with y^e Proprietors about their fence that Joyns upon the Parsonage Land in Topsfield viz to agree upon a prise for one half of s^d fence or Else that said Proprietors shall take away one half of s^d fence And Committee to make Return of their doings in that affair by some time in May next voted

17 Nathaniel Averill Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committee To take Care to Repair the meeting house voted

18 The Town agreed that the Trustees for the Towns Last Loan Money shall not Let out any of s^d Money any Longer out of Town voted

19 The Town have agreed & Impowered the Trustees for y^e Towns former Loan money to sue for y^e Last fift part of s^d money & to pay in the same to y^e province Treasurer voted

20 The Town Allowed five shillings To Deaⁿ John Howlet

for string pieces for the bridge by sd Howletts house 1729
voted 0-5-0

21 The Town Allowed five shillings To Jesse Dorman for
Timber to mend the bridge by y^e great pond so called in
1729 voted 0-5-0

22 The Town allowed one pound six shillings To John
Perkins for sweeping the Meeting the year past voted 1 6 0

23 The Town allowed two shillings & Eight pence to
Nathaniel Averill for Eight slabs to mend Mile Brook bridge
in 1729 voted 0 2 8

24 The Town Allowed one pound to William Reddington
for serving Schoolmaster the year Past voted 1 0 0

The Several Officers Chosen at y^e above said Meeting of
whom an Oath is by Law Required: were all Sworn before
y^e Selectmen of Topsfield on y^e third & on y^e fifth days of
March 1729-30

Jacob Peabody Town Cler

Boston June 9th 1729 Rec^d of Mr Samuel Curtis Constable
of Topsfield P mr Joseph Herrick seventeen pounds fifteen
shillings & six pence in full. for Mr Treasurer Allen

P James Allen

Topsfield March 17: 1729-30 Rec^d of Samuel Curtis
Constable the sum of Two pounds Eleven shillings and three
pence in full for the Town Rate I say Rec^d by me

Nath^l Porter Town Treasur^r

The two Receipts Last Entred are True Copies Attest Ja
Peabody T:C

Wee the Subscribers being Desired & Impowered by y^e
selectmen of Topsfield to Lay out a way for some of y^e In-
habitants on y^e south side of y^e River in said Town: have
Laid out a way from M^r Nathaie^l Porters Land to y^e south-
erly End of Mr Jacob Towns his house Lot. y^e s^d way is
two Rods wide viz. Extending one rod on y^e southerly End
of y^e Lots now in y^e Possession of David Balch & y^e Wido
Dorothy Dorman & Jacob Dorman & Jesse Dorman & Wil-
liam Rogers & David Commings & Jacob Redington: And
one Rod on y^e Land formerly Called ffarmer Porters Land

Also y^e s^d way is Laid out two Rods wide on a strait Line
Equally between the above sd Jacob Towns & Jacob Red-
ingtons viz two rods wide on y^e southerly End of y^e above

sd Jacob Towns his house Lott & two Rods wide on the Northerly End of sd Jacob Redingtons Land & so into y^e way that Leads to the Town bridge so Called

Dat^d Topsfield february y^e 20th 1729-30 Daniel Clarke
Thomas Gould
Ivory Hovey

This is & True Copie Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & Other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are Warned to Meet together at ye meeting house In Topsfield on Tuseday y^e Twenty fourth of March Currant at two of y^e Clock after noon first to Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court

2ly To see if the Town will Give Liberty for swine to go at Large as the Law directs

3 To Choose field drivers

4 To Receive the Return of the Committe that was appointed to Agree with the Propritors that Joyn fence upon y^e Parsonage

5 To Receive the Return of y^e Committee that was to Reckon with Mr Nathaniel Porter Town Treasurer

6 To see if the Town will be at y^e Cost of Making & hanging a Cart Gate on y^e Road by Nathan Bixbys House

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 18: 1729-30 Nathaniel Bordman
Luke Averill Constable

John Willdes

Benja^a Towne

Jesse Dorman

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 24: 1729-30

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Mr Ivory Hovey is Chosen on y^e Grandjury for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Mr Ivory Hovey & Phincas Redington are Chosen on y^e Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 The Town Agreed that swine should go at Large this year according as the Law gives Liberty voted

5 Isaac Peabody & William Perkins are Chosen field

drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 The Town accepted of y^e Committes Return of their Reckoning with Mr Nathaniel Porter a former Town Treasurer The Return is as followeth Topsfield March 10th 1729-30 voted then we y^e subscribers Reckoned with Mr Nathaniel Porter Town Treasurer And there is in s^d Treasurers hands of y^e Towns Money 24-12-4 and there is already ordered out of that sum: the sum of 12-8-9 as witness our hands

David Balch }
Benj^a Towne } Committe

Nathaniel Porter Town Treasurer

7 The Town Allowed Eight pounds to Jacob Perkins Jun^r for fourty Nine rods & one half of his fence & stone wall that Joyns upon y^e parsonage it being y^e North or northwesterly End of s^d fence voted

8 The Town Agreed to make & hang a Cart gate upon y^e way that Leads to Boxford by Nathan Bixbies: & to hang s^d gate Near to y^e Corner of Mr Clarks wall Next to s^d Bixbies voted

9 Jonathan Wildes is Chosen to make & hang s^d gate as afores^d voted

Topsfield March 24th 1729-30

To mr Jacob Peabody & mr John Perkins and Mr Jonathan Wildes Gentⁿ you are hereby ordred & Impowered to Perambulate and Renew bounds upon the Line Between Ipswich & Topsfield with such gentⁿ as y^e selectnen of Ipswich have appointed and to meet them at y^e house of Cap^t Thomas Perley in Boxford on March the Thirtieth Currant at one of y^e Clock if a fair day if not the next fair day

Nathⁿ Bordman

John Perkins

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

March 30th 1730

In persuance of y^e within Order We the subscribers Met Thomas Berry Esq^r Messer^s Increas How & Phillamen Dane and Perambulated y^e Line between Ipswich & Topsfield and Renewed the bounds by Laying stones and Marking Trees

Tho^s Berry } for Jacob Peabody } for
 Increase How } Ipswich John Perkins } Topsfield
 Philemon Dane } Jonathan Willdes }
 This is a True Copie attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

To Mr Joseph Herrick Mr David Commings and Benjamin Towne

Gentlemen you are hereby ordered & fully Impowered to Perambulate & Renew Bounds between the Towns of Salem & Topsfield: And meet with Cap^t Johathan Putnam Mr Sam^l Porter Mr John Wolcott and Mr Benj^a Browne who are appointed by Salem selectmen for s^d service: and you are to meet them at Mr Sam^l Porters Dwelling in Salem on Aprill y^e 27th Instant at Ten in y^e Morning: Dated Topsfield Aprill:13-1730

John Perkins }
 John Wildes } Selectmen
 Benj^a Towne } of Topsfield

Aprill 27-1730 We underwritten by appointment have Met and Renewed the Bounds Mentioned first at Topsfield Line beginning at a white oak Tree Mark S W T with a heap of stones Round it Near Wenham Causway and so west south westward unto a black oak Tree & stump with stones between; The Tree mark S T then on to a heap of stones at y^e Corner of Thomas Dwinels Pasture Near Smiths Hill so called: & so on to a heap of stones Near Nickolses Brook which Seperates Middleton

Jonathan Putnam Sen^r
 Joseph Herrick } for Samuel Porter } for
 Benj^a Towne } Topsfield John Wolcott } Salem
 David Commings } Benj^a Browne }

A True Copy of y^e order & Return of Perambulation:
 Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cle

To Mr Joseph Herrick Mr David Commings and Benjamin Towne Gentlemen you are Hereby Impowered to Perambulate & settle bounds Between the Towns of Topsfield & Middleton with such as the selection of Middleton shall appoint and to meet them at y^e house of Mr Nath^l Porters in Topsfield on April y^e 27th Instant at one of y^e Clock after-noon for s^d service

John Perkins }
 John Wildes } Selectmen
 Benj^a Towne } of Topsfield

To the Town of Topsfield Now Assembled Whereas we the Subscribers were sometime past Chosen a Committee and ordred by s^d Town to view the way y^t Leads through Jacob Reddingtons Land in Order to turn it. and to Notifie all Parties Concerned to meet us at y^e Place: Accordingly we have done it: And Whereas we s^d Committee are also Impowred to Lay out a way as far as s^d Reddingtons Land Goes: in Persuance there unto we have Laid out sd way as followeth Viz Two pole in upon sd Reddingtons Land at y^e Northerly End & westerly Corner, and Two pole in upon Mr Jacob Towns Land at the southerly End of sd Townes Land at y^e Corner next to Jacob Reddingtons Land: and so to Run strait the whole Length of their Lotts

Dated May the seventh 1729

Eliezer Lake

Tobijah Perkins

This is A True Copy of y^e Return: Made by said Lake & Perkins Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

April 27th 1730

We underwritten by Appointment Met & settled & Renewed the Bounds between Topsfield and Middleton: first begining at Nickolses Brook where Salem & Topsfield Line youst to Crose sd Brook: and then as sd Brook Runs and the Northerly branch to the River Called Ipswich River

Joseph Herrick	} Topsfield	John Burton	} Middleton
David Commings		Benjamin Knight	
Benja ^a Towne		Ebenezer Nichols	
	} Committe		} Committe

A True Copy of y^e Settlement & Perambulation with Middleton. Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are warn-ed to Assemble & Meet at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the Twelveth of May Currant at two of the Clock afternoon on sd day

1 To Elect & Depute a Person to serve Representative for sd Town at the General Court to be holden at Cambridge

2 To see if y^e Town will do anything further with the proprietors that Joyn fence on y^e Parsonage

3 To see what the Town will do with the Intrest of y^e Loan money this year

4 To see if the Town will Choose a Committe to settle bounds with Boxford

5 To Consider of: and answer a Petition of Joseph Commings of Ipswich

6 To see what the Town will do Refering to a Petition of Mr Jacob Towne Entred at a Court of Sessions Refering to highway—and to do anythings that they shall think best about highways in said Town Dat^d Topsfield May 7th 1730

Luke Averill Constable of Topsfield	Jesse Dorman	} Select- men of Tops- field
	John Perkins	
	John Wildes	
	Benj ^a Towne	

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield May 12th 1730

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Represent the Town at the General Court to be holden at Cambridge on the Last Wednesday of May Currant
voted

3 The Town Made Choice of Jesse Dorman to divide fence with y^e Proprietors of bare hill viz the fence between y^e said bare hill & y^e Parsonage and said Dorman is to Make up the Towns Part thereof with a sufficient Raill fence and the Town is to Allow said Dorman three shillings three pence & three farthings per rod
voted

4 The Town Agreed y^t y^e Trustees for y^e Towns Last Loan money shall pay in four pound per cent of sd Money to y^e Province Treasurer & two per cent to y^e Town Trasur^r
voted

5 Mr Zacheus Gould mr Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe to settle the bounds & Perambulate y^e Line between Topsfield & Boxford with such Gentlemen as Boxford shall apoint for sd service: according to y^e Last Resolve of y^e General Court Refering to said Line
voted

6 Upon hearing a Petition of Joseph Commings of Ipswich on behalf of the Children of Joseph Commings Late of Topsfield Dec^d The Town abated the whole of y^e province Tax & Ministers Rate that was Levied on y^e Estate of sd Joseph Commings deceased In y^e year 1729
voted

7 Mr Joseph Bordman Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr Joseph

Herrick are Chosen to Discourse with Mr Jacob Towne Referring to y^e Road Lately Laid out by s^d Townses house: and when they have heard sd Townses Terms for said Road and for the Damage he has sustained thereby: sd Committe are to make Report thereof to the Town; for further Consideration
voted

We Whose Names are under written being appointed by the selectmen of our several Towns viz Wenham & Topsfield to Renew & Perambulate bounds between our Respective Towns as y^e Law directs have accordingly attended said service and have Renewed y^e bounds According to the settlement agreed upon by the two towns Wenham & Topsfield in y^e year 1682. as witness our hands

Dated Wenham May y^e 20th 1730

Michael Dwinel	} for	Theophilus ffisk	} for
Jonathan Wildes		Ebenezer ffisk	
William Redington			
	Topsfield		Wenham

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as the Law Directs are Notified & warned to assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the Ninth Currant at two of the Clock afternoon To Receive the Committes Return that were Chosen to Treet with mr Jacob Towne Concerning (The Notification was Not given to the Clerk)

Boston July 28th 1730

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield for the £50 000 Loan fifty one pounds Their Last fift of said Loan by the hands of ffancis Borland Esqr, for Mr Treas^s Allen

P Eben^r Swan

Boston July 28th 1730

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield for the £60 000-Grant Ten pounds Eleven shillings & three pence one years Intrest to y^e 1st June 1730 by y^e hands of ffancis Borland Esqr^r for Mr Treas^s Allen P Eben^r Swan

These two receipts Last Entred are True Copies Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield June 9th 1730

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town Allowed Eighteen shillings to y^e Trustees of Towns Last Loan viz Eliezer Lake Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody for their trouble in Receiving: and paying in y^e intrest of said Loan according to Town order the year past voted

3 The Town agreed & Impowered y^e present selectmen to Reckon & settle accounts with y^e Trustees of y^e Towns former Loan (namely Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr Nath^l Porter) and to Receive what intrest is yet due to the Town of said Loan for y^e Towns use: and also to pay to y^e s^d Trustees what is due to them for their service in that affair voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting: are hereby Warned & Notified; to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting-house in Topsfield the Twenty-second Instant, at two of the Clock, afternoon, on said day.

1 To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

2 To see if the Town will Repair, or dispose of the watch house

3 To Reckon and settle accompts, with y^e overseers of the poor

4 To Choose a Committe, to give Reasons at Newbery Court, why the prayer of Mr Jacob Townes Petition ought not to be heard—or to agree with said Towne.

Dated Topsfield September 17th 1730 Nathaniel Bordman

Luke Averil Constable of Topsfield. Jesse Dorman

John Perkins

John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification: Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk.

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 22nd 1730

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Mr Joseph Herrick & Mr Benj^a Towne are Chosen to

serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery voted

3 Mr Joseph Bordman, Mr John Wildes & Mr Joseph Andrew are Chosen to make sale of y^e watch house (according to their best Judgement) for the Towns benefitt any two of them agreeing in said sale it is to be Counted Vallied voted

Lieu^t Zacheus Gould, Cap^t John Howlett, & mr Joseph Herrick Mr Benjamin Towne, & Mr Daniel Clark; are Chosen a Committee, to Treet with mr Jacob Towne Concerning the way, Lately Laid out between said Townes & Mr Jacob Redingtons. And Said Committe are hereby fully Impowered to agree with s^d Townes for y^e s^d way & damages According to their best Judgment & discretion; if they think it Convenient: But if sd Committe do not agree with y^e said mr Jacob Towne, about sd way, & damage he saith he sustains thereby: Then Mr Joseph Herrick, & Mr Benjamin Towne, are Chosen Agents for y^e Town; To Implead said Towne and give in y^e Reasons at y^e Next Inferior Court to be holden at Newbery why a Jury should not Come to View y^e said way voted

The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as y^e Law directs for voting are Notified & warned to Assemble & Meet together at the Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday the Eighteenth of November Instant at Two of y^e Clock afternoon on s^d day

1 To agree on a Tax to defray Town Charges this year

2 To Choose a Committe to Agree with mr Jacob Towne about the highway by said Townes house or to give in Reasons at the Next Court Sessions why the prayer of said Townses petition ought not to be answered

3 To Choose a Committe to make up the Townes part of fence Between the parsonage and the proprietors of bare hill

4 To Allow Bills of Charge.

Dat^d Topsfield November 10th 1730

Luke Averill Constable for Topsfield

A True Copy &c

John Perkins

John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield November 18th
1730

1 Qu^{tr} Nathaniel Bordman is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town agreed that y^e Present selectmen shall Leivy a Tax of Ten pound To defray Town Charges voted

3 Cap^t John Howlett Mr Joseph Herrick & Mr Benj^a Towne are Chosen Committe to Treat with Mr Jacob Towne about the way that is Laid out between said Townes & Jacob Reddingtons And s^d Committe are fully Impowered to Agree with said Townes about said way & damages he sustains thereby according as they in their Prudence shall think Convenient. but if said Committee or the Major part of them do not agree with sd Towne as afore said than the said Committe are fully Impowered, to Implead y^e s^d Mr Jacob Towne at y^e Next Inferiour Court & General sessions of y^e peace to be holden at Salem & to Give in their Reasons at s^d Court why a Jury should not Come to view y^e s^d way voted

4 Mr Thomas Dwinel & Mr Joseph Towne Jun^r are Chosen to make up the Towns Part of the fence Between the Parsonage & the Proprietors of bare hill pasture voted

5 The Town Allowed seven shillings & six pence to Joseph Peabody for Timber to mend highways in y^e summer past
voted 0 7 0

6 The Town Allowed five shillings to John Wildes for one Days tendance at Salem Court Last June and three shillings for Entering warrants in y^e Court records voted

7 The Town Allowed four shillings & six pence to Qu^{tr} Nathaniel Bordman for tending one day at Salem Court the Last summer
voted 0 4 6

8 The Town Allowed three shillings to mr Joseph Herrick for perambulating with Salem & Middleton voted 0 3 0

9 The Town Allowed three shillings to David Comnings for y^e same service
voted 0 3 0

10 The Town allowed one shilling to Benjamin Towne for gitting a Warrant Entred in y^e Court Records & five shillings for one Days tendance at Salem Court Last summer and three shillings for perambulating with Salem & Middleton y^e Last summer and Ten shillings for two Days tendance at Newbery Court as Agent for y^e Town and five shillings for Lawyers fees, the whole
1-4-0

11 The Town Allowed Ten shillings to Mr Joseph Herrick for two days tendance at Newbery Court as agent for y^e Town & five shillings he paid to a Lawyer voted 0 15 0

12 The Town Allowed Twelve shillings to Jonathan Wildes for making & hanging A Cart Gate on y^e Road near to Nathan Byxby in y^e summer past voted 0 12 0

13 The Town Allowed six shillings to Doc^t Michael Dwinel William Redington and Jonathan Wildes for perambulating with Wenham Last Spring 0 6 0

14 The Town Allowed three shillings to Qu^{tr} Nathaniel Bordman & Mr John Wildes for Meeting with Boxford Selectmen in order to perambulating voted 0 3 0

15 The Town Allowed to John Perkins Jonathan Wildes & Jacob Peabody six shillings for perambulating with Ipswich voted 0 6 0

16 The Town Allowed seven shillings to Joseph Towne Jun^r for Timber to mend Wheel brook Bridge in y^e summer past voted 0 7 0

17 The Town Allowed one shilling & six pence to Jacob Peabody for Timber to mend the bridge over Isaac Peabody Meadow y^e Last Summer 0 1 6

Topsfield December 17th 1730 Rec^d of John Wildes Constable for y^e year 1726 and for y^e year 1727 five pounds in full for both said years I say Received by me Nath^l Porter Town Tr

A True Copy of the Receipt attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are hereby warned and Notified to meet together at the Meeting house in said Town at two of the Clock after noon on Tuseday the Twenty Second Currant

1 To Receive the Committes Return that was Chosen to Treet with Mr Jacob Towne about the highway Laid out by said Townes house and partly on said Towns Land. And To do anything about said highway that the Town shall best by themselves or agents:

2 To Reckon & settle acompts with y^e overseers of the poor viz Joseph Bordman & Thomas Gould

Dated Topsfield December y^e 16th 1730

Luke Averill Constable of Topsfield	Nathaniel Bordman John Perkins Jesse Dorman Benjamin Towne John Wildes	} Select- men of Topsfield	

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield December y^e 22nd 1730

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town agreed that whereas there hath been a Road Lately Laid out on one side of Mr Jacob Townes Land; to meet with the Road which Leads from y^e River Bridge through y^e Land that was formerly Common to said Townes And the said Jacob Townes first Division of Common Land in Topsfield Lying on both sides of said Road: The s^d Jacob Towns shall have Liberty to hang two gates on sd Road where he shall think best against his own Land, and also that y^e whole of said Townses stone wall which is a whole wall that is against the sd Road may stand without being removed: And also the town is to pay six pound unto the said Jacob Townes for the Damages Done by sd Road
voted

3 The Town agreed that y^e selectmen shall Reckon with & settle acompts with the overseers of the poor to wit M^r Joseph Bordman & Mr Thomas Gould
voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as the Law directs: Are hereby Warned and Notified To Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the Twentieth Day of Jan^y Currant At one of y^e Clock afternoon on s^d day

1 To Elect & Depute a Person to serve for & Represent them In a General Court or Assembly to be hild at Boston zly To see if the Town will Agree to have Lectures Dat^d Topsfield January the 5th 1730

Luke Averill Constable of Topsfield	John Perkins
	John Wildes
	Benj ^a Towne
	Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield January y^e 20th
1730-31

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Represent the Town at
y^e General Court at the Next session of sd Court to be held
at Boston voted

3 En^s Ivory Hovey Mr Thomas Gould and Jacob Peabody
are Chosen a Committe to Discourse with our Reverend
Mr Emerson to see if he will Please to Preach Lectures to us
voted

Topsfield June 3, 1730: Received of Mr Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer by the hand of his son Ivory five pounds in
full for my half years Salary from September y^e second to
the second of Last March: by me John Emerson

Topsfield March 7th 1729-30 Rec^d of Mr. Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer y^e sum of fifteen pounds Ten shillings in
full for the second hundred pounds settlement by me

John Emerson

The Two Receipts above written by me are True Copies
Attest Ja^b Peabody Town Cler

The ffrecholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for vot-
ing; are hereby warn^d to Assemble and meet together at y^e
meeting house in Topsfield, on Tuseday the second day of
March next at Eight of the Clock in the morning

To Make Choice of Town Clerk, Constables, Selectmen,
Town Treasurer And other Town officers annually to be
Chosen by the Direction of the Law; also to Reckon & set-
tle accompts with our Town Treasurers; also to accept of
the return of the selectmens Laying out of a highway for Mr
George Bixby from his Land, to the Road that Leadeth
from Mr Jacob Towne To the Town Bridge: also to Choose
a Committe to agree with Mr David Commings for y^e fence
he hath set up about the Parsonage Also to accept of the
Return of the selectmens Turning the highway by Mr Sam-
uel Howlets Also to see what the Town will do [with] what
Money & goods the selectmen have in their hands that they
Received of the overseers of the poor. Dat^d Topsfield Feb-
ruary the 18th 1730

Luke Averill Constable of Topsfield Nathaniel Bordman
Jesse Dorman
John Perkins
John Wildes
Bedj^a Towne
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town meeting In Topsfield March y^e 2nd
1730-I

I Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year En-
suing voted

3 Mr Sam^l Bradstreet & Mr Matthew Peabody are Chosen
Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

4 En^s Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e
year Ensuing voted

5 Cap^t John Howlett Joseph Herrick, John Wildes, Benjamin Towne, & Jacob Peabody are Chosen Selectmen for the year Ensuing voted

6 Joseph Robinson, Aaron Estey, & Nathan Bixby: are
Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

7 Mr John Hovey is Chosen Sealler of Leather for the
Ensuing year voted

8 Joseph Andrew, Eliezer Lake, William Perkins & Joseph Towne Jun^r are Chosen Surveyers of highways for y^e Ensuing year

9 Lieut Zacheus Gould, Jesse Dorman & Benjamin How
are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

10 M^r William Reddington is Chosen Schoolmaster for
y^e year Ensuing voted

II Gedion Towne & John Towne Jun^r are Hogreeves for
y^e year Ensuing voted

12 The Town agreed & ordered the Selectmen to Reckon
& settle accompts with the Town Treasurers voted

13 The Town accepted of the Return of the selectmens
Laying out a way for George Bixby, from said Bixbies own
Land over Israel Townes Land to the Road that Leads from
Mr Jacob Townes: to the Town bridge (so Called) Provided
that y^e said Bixby shall Pay the Cost that shall arise thereby
voted

14 The Town Accepted of y^e Return of y^e selectmens Turning the way from Samuel Howletts gate by Nath^l Capens orchard to the Training field voted

15 Mr Jacob Estey, Mr David Balch & Mr Joseph Robinson are Chosen a Committe to agree with David Commings about the fence he hath set up about the Parsonage And also the said Committe are Impowered to Divide fence with y^e Proprietors of bare hill so far as said Proprietors Joyn upon y^e Parsonage voted

17 Whereas there is some of y^e Estate of the Widow Mary Averill (Late of Topsfield deceased:) In the hands of the selectmen: The Town do now order that the sd Estate shall be Delivered unto Mary Jackson or her order if there be oppurtunity for it she being a Daughter of said Deceased, & a poor widow voted

18 The Town having heard the acompt of Mr Nath^l Porter a former Town Treasurer do now aquit and discharge y^e sd Treasurer from all dues or demands on that account he Paying all former orders voted

The Town officers all sworn on y^e 2nd & on y^e 9th days of March 1730-31 Except y^e assessors

At A Lawfull Meeting of the selectmen of Topsfield December the 25:1730 we Laid out a Perticular, or highway, for Mr George Bixby, Beginning at the south Easterly Corner of the said Bixbies own Land: Where his now dwelling house is so Running straight on in the same Range of Lotts A Cross Israel Townes Land-and Coming into the highway (that Leadeth from Mr Jacob Townes to y^e River bridge) by a Tree standing in y^e said Israel Towns wall: and we Laid it out two Rods wide upon the Southerly side of the Middle Range of Lotts: so Called by the proprietors or Lot Layers

Nathaniel Bordman	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Jesse Dorman	
John Perkins	
John Willdes	
Benj ^a Towne	

At A Lawfull Meeting of the selectmen of Topsfield Decem^r y^e 11th 1730 We altdred the Laying of the highway

that Lyeth from Samuel Howlets Gate To the County Road :
and Layed it from said Gate by Mr Nath^l Capens orchard
Turning Round as sd Capens fence now standeth to the
Training field : and we Laid it out Two rods wide.

Nath^l Bordman } Selectmen
John Wildes } of Topsfield
Benj^a Towne }

The Two Returns above written are True Copies attest
Jacob Peabody Town Cle

An account of y^e remains of y^e Estate of y^e widow Mary
Averil, Deceased

January y^e 25 : 1730 Then Reckoned and settled accompts
with the overseers of the poor and all accompts Cleard with
them : and there Remains in our hands that we have Re-
ceived of them ; Eight shillings & six pence And one sute of
silk Crape Cloths for a woman ; two pairs of old stockings
and an old boulder, one Bible & severall pieces of Books

We both parties have set to our hands John Perkins
Joseph Borman } overseers of y^e poor Nath^l Bordman
Thomas Gould } John Wildes
Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody T: Cle

Topsfield January : 25 : 1730-31 Received of Mr Ivory
Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of Eleven Pounds seven shil-
lings & Eight pence in full, for my half years Salary from
March 2 : 1729-30 to Sept 2 : 1730

I say Rec^d by me John Emerson

Topsfield March 2 : 1730-31 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer the sum of fifty pounds in full for my Last
years sallary from September 2 : 1730 to March 2 : 1730-31

I say Received by me John Emerson

£50-^s00-^d00 The two Receipts above written are True
Copies Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The ffreeholders & other Inhabitance of the Town of Tops-
field such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are
hereby warned & Notified to meet together at the Meeting
house in Topsfield on Thursday the Eighteenth Currant at
Two of the Clock on sd day

1 To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court

2 To see if the Town will Give Liberty for swine to go at Large

3 To Receive the Return of the Committe that was to Divide fence with the Proprietors of Bare Hill

4 To see if the Town will give Liberty to Build a Pew or Pews in the meeting house

5 To Choose a man or men to Repair the meeting house Also to allow bills of charge

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 9th 1730-31 John Howlett

Matthew Peabody Constable of Topsfield John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting In Topsfield March y^e 18th 1730-31

1 Mr Tho^s Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Mr Tobjah Perkins is Chosen to serve on y^e Grand jury: & Lieu^t Zacheus Gould & Mr Jonathan Wildes are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich
voted

3 The Town Doth give Liberty for swine to go at Large in this Town according as the Law gives Liberty
voted

4 The Town allowed to John Perkins one pound Eight shillings for sweeping the meeting house in y^e year 1730
voted 1 8 0

5 The Town allowed to Samuell Smith Ten shillings for Timber to mend or make the Bridge by Nathan Bixbys in y^e year 1730
voted 0 10 0

6 The Town Allowed to Capt^t Joseph Gould seven shillings for Timber to Mend y^e bridge by Nathan Bixbys in y^e year 1730
voted 0 7 0

7 The Town allowed to Daniel Gould three shillings for Timber to mend or make y^e bridge by Nathan Bixbys in 1730
voted 0 3 0

8 The Town allowed to Lieu^t Zacheus Gould seven shillings, for Timber to Make the bridge by Nathan Bixbys; in y^e year 1730
voted 0 7 0

9 The Town allowed to William Reddington Twenty shillings for Being Schoolmaster for y^e Town in y^e year 1730
voted 1 0 0

10 En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe to take Care to Repair y^e Meeting house voted

11 And the sd Committe are to Discourse with mr John Prichard in the first place to see if they can agree with sd Prichard to doo the work of Repairing y^e meeting house
voted

12 The Town accepted of y^e Committies Return of divid-ing fence with y^e proprietors of Bare Hill Pasture. And also of their agreement with David Commings for y^e fence he had formerly set up on y^e Parsonage Line: which was for two pounds four shillings. 2 4 0

13 The Town Allowed to Thomas Dwinel & Joseph Town Jun^r Two pounds Nine shillings & Eight pence: for fifteen Rods of fence, which they have set up this Spring on y^e parsonage Line next to bare hill Pasture voted 2 9 8

14 The Town Allowed to Lien^t Zacheus Gould sixteen shillings and ten pence for three Rods & a Quarter and half a Quarter of stone [wall which] will bring the Norwest End of his wall between the parsonage & Bare hill pasture

voted 0 16 10

We Whose Names are under written being a Committe Chosen by y^e Town of Topsfield to agree with Mr. David Comings for some fence he set up about the parsonage: Also to divide fence with the proprietors of bare Hill that Joyn to the parsonage: Likewise we have seen sd Cominges fence & find it to be Eleven Rods of stone wall and two foot And we have agreed to give him for it Two pounds four shillings 2 4 0 And we did Notifie y^e Proprietors of bare Hill: to Appear: and some did not: and we find the men that Joyn Lands to be Lieu^t Zacheus Gould, and Luke Averill, and William Perkins, and said Goulds Land Joyns six Poles & three Quarters And Averills Joyns Ten Poles and one third part of a pole:—And Perkins Joyn Thirty two Poles and three foot and we set Bounds in y^e Middle of Each Mans Lott. and we Chose the Norwest End of Each of their Lotts Jacob Estey

March 18th 1730-31

David Balch

Joseph Robinson

This is a True Copy of y^e Return Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

Essex ss To Mr Samuel Bradstreet, Constable of y^e Town of Topsfield; Greeting. In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to Notify & warn all the Freeholders; & other Inhabitants on y^e North side of y^e River, in Topsfield; Such as are Quallified as y^e Law directs for Voting: To meet at y^e Meeting house in said Town on ffryday y^e fourteenth day of May Currant, at three of the Clock in y^e after noon first To Chuse a Representative.

2 To see if the Town will give order to y^e Committe that is to Repair the Meeting house; to Draw Money out of y^e Town Treasurey for said Service.

3 To see if y^e Town will Chuse a Committe to Petition to the General Court or use any other Lawfull Means to have a fish Corse Cleared up Ipswich River.

4 To all[ow] Bills of Charge

5 To see what the Town will doe with y^e intrest of their Loan Money

6 To see if the Town will Chuse a Committe to settle bounds with Boxford: or doe anything about said Line that y^e Town shall then think best

And Make Return of your doings herein: unto one or more of y^e Selectmen of said Town one hour at Least before said time of Meeting: as you will Answer the Contrary at y^e Perrill of y^e Law

Date^d Topsfield May y^e 13th 1731

John Howlett

Joseph Herrick

John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

Jacob Peabody

Selectmen of Topsfield

Essex ss Pursuant to the within order from the selectmen of Topsfield: I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield on the North side of the River duly Quallified to vote to assemble & meet at time & place to act upon the several Perticular Articles within Mentioned

Dat^d Topsfield May the 14th 1731 Samuel Bradstreet Constable of Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e warrant & Return attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the south side of y^e river being Likewise warned the meeting was as followeth

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 14th 1731

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Represent the Town at y^e General Court, on y^e Twenty sixth day of May Currant:
And so at the several sessions of y^e s^d Court
voted

3 The Town gave order, to Ens Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody to draw sixteen pound out of the town Treasurey to Enable them to go on with y^e Repairing the Meeting house
voted

4 The Town hath made Choice of Cap^t Joseph Gould the present Representative To Joyn with y^e Persons that are or may be Chosen by the neighbouring Towns to prefer a Petition to this General Court in order to git a fish Corse Cleard up Ipswich river
voted

5 Mr Benjamin Towne is Chosen to Procure the Copies of the petitions that has been Put in to the: sessions of y^e Peace: for y^e Gitting a fish Corse Cleared up Ipswich river and the Courts order upon it. sd Towne is to deliver sd Copies to Cap^t Joseph Gould to Enable him to Manage the Petition at the General Court
voted

6 Mr Benj^a Towne is ordred to draw Twenty shillings out of the Town Treasurey to defray the Charge of sd Copies
voted 1 0 0

7 The Town Allowed Twelve shillings to Eliezer Lake, Tobijah Perkins, and Jacob Peabody: for their trouble in taking in y^e intrest of the Towns Loan Money for y^e year past & disposing of the same according to the Towns order
voted

8 The Town ordred that the Towns part of the Intrest of the Loan money shall be paid in to the Town Treasurer for the Towns Use he giving a Receipt for y^e same: And the Trustees are to send the Rest of y^e Intrest of s^d Loan to the province Treasurer as y^e Law directs
voted

9 Mr Thomas Gould Mr John Curtis & John Hovey are Chosen a Committe And Impowred to Joyn with y^e Committe that is or may be Chosen by the Town of Boxford, to settle the bounds on y^e Line between Topsfield & Boxford According to the Last Resolve of the General Court Referring to s^d Line (Excepting that part of the Line from An-

drawses Dam; to fishing Brook) and said Committe are Impowred to settle a straight Line from said Dam to the fishing Brook: as near as they Can, to y^e Place where the Revilet Mentioned in said Resolve did run into fishing brook at y^e time when y^e said Resolve passed at the General Court: According to the best Information that May be had: by Liveing Evidence. haveing a like Regard to the benefit of Each Town voted

We whose Names are under written being a Committe Chosen and Impowred by the Towns of Topsfield and Boxford Respectively. to settle the bounds between Topsfield and Boxford: according to the Last Resolve of the General Court. Anno: 1707: have accordingly settled the Line between said Topsfield and Boxford: from the Apple Tree in Cap^t Perleys field, to a stake and heap of stones at the south easterly corner of Mr Bakers farm now in Boxford: and from thence to a damm Called Andrewses damm Near Mr Thomas Goulds house; and from thence being the Place where y^e water now Runs under s^d damm: thence southerly to a stake and heap of stones by the fishing Brook, on y^e Easterly side of the Revolet Runing into sd Brook: and then as the said Book runs into the River Called Ipswich River: then up said River to Middleton Line.

Dat ^d Topsfield June 17 th 1731	John Hovey
This is a True Copy of the Return	Tho ^s Perley
of the settlement of the bounds or	Tho ^s Gould
Line Between Topsfield & Boxford.	Thomas Pearley Jun ^r
Attest Jacob Peabody	John Andrew
Town Clerk	John Curtis

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, such as are duly Quallified as the Law directs for voting; are hereby warned, and Notified to Meet together at y^e Meeting house in said Topsfield: on Wednesday, the fiftenth of September Currant at one of the Clock after noon

1st To see What Advice & Instruction said Town will Give to their Representative Refering to his Majesties Thirteenth Instruction To his Excellency in supplying the Treasary:

2^{ndly} To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court. 3^{rdly} To allow bills of Charge

4 To see if s^d Town will Agree to have Contributions for Mr Emerson and how often they shall be: dated Topsfield Sep^t y^e 8th 1731 Benjamin Towne by order

Matthew Peabody Constable of the Selectmen of Topsfield
At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 15th 1731.

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 John Prichard & William Reddington are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

3 The Town allowed to Jacob Reddington three shillings for Timber to mend highways in 1731
0 3 0

4 The Town allowed Two shillings to George Byxbe for a hollow Log to Lay in a gutter
voted 0 2 0

5 The Town Allowed one pound Eight shillings and three pence to Eliezer Lake & Joseph Towne Jun^r as Surveyuers for Two Tun, & thirty three feet of Timber to Mend the Bridge over y^e River in June 1731;
voted 1-8-3

6 The Town Allowed Eight shillings to the Heirs of Joseph Commings Late of Topsfield deceased: for About two Rod of stone wall which s^d Commings Made about the Parsonage said 8^s to be paid to Jacob Peabody: for the sole Use & benefit of y^e s^d heirs
voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law directs for voting are Notified and Warned to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Tuseday the seventh of December Next at Twelve of the Clock on said day: first to see How Much Money said Town will agree to have Raised to defray Town Charges

Secondly, To allow Bills of Charge John Howlet

Dated Topsfield November y^e 24th 1731 John Wildes

Samuel Bradstreet Constable of Benj^a Towne

Topsfield Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield December y^e 7th 1731

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town Allowed to Jacob Peabody 14-12-7 for Sunday's bought and work done towards Repairing of the meeting house in 1731
voted 14 12 7

3 The Town Allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey 7-12-2 for several things bought for the Repairing the Meeting house in the year 1731 voted 7 12 2

4 The Town Allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody To pay for glazzing the Meeting house in the year 1731 voted 7 5 0

5 The Town Allowed to William Reddington 0 9^s 0 for specks to fasten up the Troughs on the Meeting house in y^e year 1731 voted 0 9 0

6 The Town Allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody 14^s-6^d for work done by Nathan Hood on y^e meeting house in July Last voted 0 14-6

7 The Town Allowed to Nathaniel Capen 5^l-0-0 for finding materials and building the Pew which M^{rs} Emerson sits in on Sabbath Days voted 5 0 0

8 The Town Allowed To Nathaniel Capen one pound for boarding John Safford & keeping his horse while he set the glass in the meeting house in the year 1731 voted 1 0 0

9 The Town Agreed that this Meeting should be Adjourned to Tuseday the fourteenth Currant at Twelve of the Clock on said day voted

The Moderator Adjourn^d the Meeting accordingly

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield held by adjournment from y^e 7th Day of December 1731 To the 14th day of the same month and then Met, first The Town Allowed to Daniel Gould 2^s for Timber to Mend the bridge by Nathan Bixbies in y^e year 1730 voted 0-2-0

2 The Town allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody 14^s for half a thousand of short shingles: bought of Daniel Gould to repair the meeting house voted 0 14 0

3 The Town allowed to Jesse Dorman five shillings for two string pieces for the bridge by Jacob Dormans in y^e year 1731. voted 0 5 0

4 The Town allowed To Thomas Baker six shillings, for Timber to Mend the bridge by Jacob Dormans in 1731 voted 0 6 0

5 The Town allowed to Jacob Robinson four shillings for timber voted 0 4 0

6 The Town allowed to Nathan Bixby five shillings for

Carting five hundred of board from Salem to the Meeting house this year 0 5 0

7 The Town Allowed to Jacob Averill three shillings & 4^d for slabs to mend mile Brook Bridge 0 3 4

8 The Town allowed to John Perkins one shilling & six pence for Timber voted 0 1 0

9 The Town Allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody Twenty six pound for work done on y^e meeting house by mr John Prichard & his son Eli Prichard in y^e year 1731 voted 26 0 0

10 The Town Agreed that the Selectmen shall Levey a Tax of Twenty pound (besides the Bills of Charge that are already allowed) to Defray Town Charges voted

Topsfield November: 18: 1731 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer the sum of two pounds Ten shillings in full for my half years Salary from March 2: 1731 to September 2: 1731 by me John Emerson

The receipt Last Entered is a True Copy Attest

Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

These are to Notifie the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Town of Topsfield Quallified as the Law directs for voting to meet at y^e Meeting house in said Town on Tuseday the seventh day of March next At Eight of the Clock in y^e morning

1st To Choose Town Officers as the Law directs

2 To Allow bills of Charge, and also to Reckon with the Town Treasurer

Dat^d Topsfield ffebruary 23rd 1731-2

John Howlett

John Willdes

Benj^a Towne

Jacob Peabody

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting In Topsfield March 7th 1731-2

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 John Perkins & Aaron Estey are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

4 The said Aaron Estey agreed with: and the Town accepted of Thomas Dwinel to serve as Constable in the room or stead of said Estey voted

5 En^s Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 Thomas Gould Quartermaster Nathaniel Bordman, George Byxbe Richard Towne, & Joseph Dorman are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

7 John Hovey is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing voted

8 John Towne, Thomas Dwinel, & Jacob Dorman, are Chosen Tythingmen for the year Ensuing voted

9 Daniel Redington Ju^r Jacob Redington, William Rogers & John Towne Jun^r are Chosen Surveyars of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

10 Nathaniel Porter, Eliezer Lake, & Thomas Baker, are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 Benjamin How, & Joseph Towne Jun^r are Chosen Hog-reaves for y^e year Ensuing voted

12 John Dwinel & Samuel Curtis are Chosen field drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

The Several Persons above named, that were Chosen to office who the Law Requires to be sworn: All toke the oath belonging to there Respective offices on the seventh & on y^e Tenth days of March 1731-2 Except William Rogers and Jacob Dorman

Entred by order of the selectmen

p Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Lawfully Quallified for voting are hereby Notified & warned to Conven together at the meeting house on Tuseday y^e Twenty first of this Instant att one of the Clock after noon

1 To Choose three Jurymen one to Serve on y^e Grand Jury and the other on the Jury of Tryalls

2 To see what the Town will do Concerning Reckoning with the Town Treasurer.

3 To see what the Town will do Concerning a School-master.

4 To see if the Town will make Choice of a Committe to

New Seat the Meeting house and give them Instructions.

5 To see if the Town will Agree y^t Hogs shall run at Large

6 To Allow Bills of Charge

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 17th 1731-2 Richard Towne by order of the Selectmen

Thomas Dwinel Constable of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March 21st 1731-2

1 Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen moderator for this meeting

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen to Serve on y^e grand jury for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Mr Simon Bradstreet & William Perkins are Chosen to y^e Jury of Tryalls At the Next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 Cap^t John Howlett Mr Eliezer Lake & Mr George Bixby are Chosen a Committe to provide a Schoolmaster for the Town and agree with him for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 The Town agreed that the said Committe shall order the School to be kept two thirds of the time on y^e North Side the River & one third on the south side of y^e River

voted

6 Cap^t Joseph Gould, Mr Eliezer Lake, mr Jacob Dorman: mr Joshua Towne And mr Joseph Robinson: are Chosen a Committee to New seat People in the meeting house: and the Major part of them agreing it shall be vallied

voted

7 The Town [agreed] that Swine shall goe att Large the year Ensuing according as the Law gives Liberty

voted

8 The Town Gave Liberty To Mr Eliezer Lake mr George Bixby, mr Joseph Herrick, Mr Daniel Redington Jun^r Phineas Redington to Sit up a stable of thirty foot Long at the southerly End of Ipswich farmers stable

voted

9 The Town Allowed to Cap^t Joseph Gould one pound twelve shillings and three pence for his Expences in the affair of the fish Corse

voted 1-12-3

10 The Town Allowed to Cap^t Joseph Gould six shillings for Timber to mend the highways in y^e year 1731

voted 0-6-0

11 The Town Allowed to John Perkins one pound and Eight shillings for sweeping the Meeting house the Last year

voted 1-8-0

12 The Town Allowed to William Redington Ten shillings for Serving the Town as a Schoolmaster in y^e year 1731

voted 0-10-0

Topsfield March: 7th 1732: Received of mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer the sum of fifty pounds in full for my half years Salary from September 2: 1731 to March 2: 1732
by me John Emerson

A True Copie of the receipt Given by mr Emerson:
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Boston May 26 1731

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield by Cap^t Joseph Gould, Ten Pounds Eleven Shillings & three pence Intrest to the 1 June 1731, for M^r Treasurer Allen P Eben Swan

A True Copie Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified and warned to Convene together at the meeting house on Wednesday the seventeenth day of this Instant May; att two of the Clock in ye afternoon

1 To Choose a Representative to serve att the great and general Court.

2 To see what the Town will do Concerning their being fined for want of [a] Schoolmaster

3 To see how the Town will Improve the intrest of the Loan Money

Dated Topsfield May the 12th 1732 Thomas Gould

John Perkins Constable of Topsfield Joseph Dorman

George Bixby

Richard Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 17th 1732

1 Mr John Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen to serve for and Represent the Town at y^e General Court
voted

3 Cap^t John Howlett & En^s Ivory Hovey are Chosen Agents for the Town To make Application to the Judges of the Inferior Court at the next General Sessions of the peace in the County of Essex. To try if they can git the fine

Abated which the Town is fined for want of a Schoolmaster
voted

4 The Town agreed y^t y^e Towns part of the intrest of the Loan Money shall be Disposed of in Manner following viz: Twelve shillings thereof is Allowed to the Trustees for their trouble about the sd Loan in this Instant Month: and the remaining part thereof of which is four pound thirteen shillings & seven pence: the s^d Trustees are to deliver to the Committe for the School in order to pay the Schoolmaster as far as that will goe.
voted

Boston May 31: 1732

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield for the £ 60000. ten pounds Eleven shillings and three pence Intrest to June 1732. by Mr Jacob Peabody, for Mr Treasurer Allen.

P^r Eben Swan

Boston May 31st 1732

Rec^d of M^r Samuel Bradstreet Constable of Topsfield sixty pounds five shillings and Six pence in full: by mr Jacob Peabody, for Mr Treasurer Allen,

P^r Eben Swan

The two Receipts Last Entred are True Copies attest Jacob Peabody Toⁿ Cle

The ffreholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are hereby Notified to Convene together at y^e Meeting house on Tuse-day y^e fourteenth of this Instant Month at one of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon on sd day.

1 To Chuse Jury men for Newbery Court according to Warrant

2 To See if y^e Town will give y^e Committy y^t was Chosen to seat y^e People in the Meeting house, Instructions: or Chuse a New Committe, if they Refuse to serve.

3 To see if the Town will Chuse a man to go and know the Reason y^t y^e fish Courses upon Ipswich River be not opened according order

and to Doe any other thing or things y^t shall be thought Needful on s^d day.

And Also to Allow Bills of Charge.

Dat^d Topsfield September y^e 9th 1732. Richard Towne by John Perkins Constable of Topsfield order of Selectmen

At A Legall Town meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 14th 1732

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 William Rogers & David Commings are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

3 Joseph Bordman, John Hovey, John Willdes, Joshua Towne, & Edmon Towne are Chosen a Committe to New seat y^e People; in y^e Meeting house.
voted

4 the s^d Committe to observe y^e following Instructions in seating, viz. To show respect to persons above sixty years of age before Money in younger men and then to seat the rest of y^e People according as they or their predecessors paid to y^e Last years Rates
voted

5 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Agent for y^e Town; to Joyn with y^e Agent for the Town of Reading, to Inquire of the owners of the Severall Mills on Ipswich River, to know the reason why they have not Made Convenient waists in their Respective Mill Dams for a passage for fish, agreeable to an order of the General Court, bearing date January 21: 1731. And in Case the owners of the several Mill dams, Mentioned in sd order of Court, or Either of them, shall refuse, or any Longer Neglect, to make a Convenient Waist in Each of their Respective Mill dams, for the free passing & repassing of fish According to s^d order of the General Court; then y^e s^d agent is to Petition to y^e General Court with y^e agent for Reading, in order to git the same Effected
voted

6 The Town Allowed Ten pound, six shillings, & five pence, to the Committe for the School, Which (with 1^l-13^s-7^d which is already allowed) is to pay the Schoolmaster for five Months Service
voted 10-6-5

7 The Town allowed one pound Twelve shillings, to the Committe for y^e School to pay the widow Dorothy Robison for boarding the schoolmaster one month this summer

The Town allowed four pounds Nine shillings to En^s Ivory Hovey for work done by Nathan Hood on y^e Meeting house & for oyl, Nails & Spanish brown in 1732
voted 4 9 0

9 the Town allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey Ten shillings for his trouble in taking the Care of repairing the Meeting house
voted 0 10 0

10 the Town allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey sixteen shillings for his time & Expences in gitting off the fine which was Laid upon y^e Town for want of a Schoolmaster voted 0 16 0

11 The Town Allowed Sixteen shillings to Cap^t John Howlett for his time And Expences in gitting off the fine which was Laid upon the Town for want of a Schoolmaster
voted 0 16 0

12 The Town Allowed Ten shillings to Jacob Peabody for his trouble in taking Care of repairing the Meeting house
voted 0 10 0

The ffreholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting, are hereby Notified, and warned to Conven together, at the Meeting house in Topsfield, on Tuseday the Seventh of this Instant Month, at one of y^e Clock in the after noon.

1 To see if y^e Town will raise money to defray the Town Charges.

2 To see if the Town will see fit To Build seats or pews in the Meeting house or give any other person or persons Leave.

3 To see if the Town will provide Samuel Howlett, a way to Come at his Meadow, on the south side of the River.

4 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield November y^e 1st 1732. Richard Towne by
Thomas Dwinel Constable of Topsfield. order of the
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield November 7th
1732

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 John Hovey is Chosen to Enter the votes at this meeting
voted

3 The Town agreed to raise sixty five pounds, to defray Town Charges And for our Deputy Deaⁿ Jacob Peabody if need be
voted

4 The Town allowed to mr Eliezer Lake & mr George Bixby three pound for money they have paid to the Schoolmaster
voted

5 The Town agreed that there shall be seats built upon the East, South and West sides of the meeting house where there is Convenient places (not formerly Granted) upon the Towns Cost voted

There is taken up by John Wildes of Topsfield, a Bay horse with a black Tail & Main, about thirteen hands high: the sd horse hath no brand nor Ear mark: but is a very Large Trotter.

Rec^d to be put on Record November y^e 6th 1732

The ffreholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Lawfully Quallified for voting: are hereby Notified To Conven together at the Meeting house, on Tuseday the sixth of March Next at Eight of y^e Clock in the morning

1 To Choose a Town Clerk Constables, Selectmen Town Treasurer & other Town Officers as the Law directs. 2^{ly} To see if the Town will Grant Liberty to Mr Jacob Towne to Erect a third gate upon the highway between the said Towne and Mr Redington: also to see if the Town will Let them Improve the way in the Common Lott

3^{ly} To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court 4^{ly} To allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield ffebruary y^e 23rd 1732-3 Richard Towne
Thomas Dwinel Constable of Topsfield by order of
the selectmen

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 6th 1732-3

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year En-
suing voted

3 Samuel Smith & Doc^t Michael Dwinel are Chosen Con-
stables for y^e year Ensuing voted

4 En^s Ivory Hovey is Chosen town Treasurer for the year
Ensuing voted

5 Cap^t John Howlett, David Balch, John Wildes, William Redington, and Tobijah Perkins, are Chosen selectmen for
y^e year Ensuing voted

6 John Hovey is Chosen sealler of Leather for the year
Ensuing voted

7 Aaron Estey, Jonathan Perkins, & Daniel Gould, are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

8 Joseph Andrew, Matthew Peabody, and Joshua Towne are Chosen Survayers of highways for the year Ensuing voted

9 Mr Joseph Herrick, & mr Joseph Towne are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

10 John Dwinel, & Samuel Boyd, are Chosen Hogreaves for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 The Town Allowed Twelve pound to the Committe for y^e School to pay the Schoolmaster for the Last four Months Service in keeping School voted 12 00 00

12 The Town allowed Ten shillings to Jacob Redington for a Tun of white oak Timber voted 00 10 00

13 The Town Allowed Ten shillings to Quar^{mr} Nath^l Bordman for his Service at Boston in Trying to prevent Middletones being made a Township voted 00 10 00

14 The Town allowed Twenty shillings to En^s Ivory Hovey for his trouble in Serveing as Town Treasurer for four years Last past voted 1 0 0

15 The Town Allowed Twenty five pounds, thirteen shilling to Jacob Peabody for Representing the Town at the General Court in y^e year past voted 25 13 0

16 The Town Allowed two shillings to En^s Ivory Hovey for Timber to Mend the high ways in 1731 & 1732 voted 0 2 0

The Several Officers Chosen at the above said Meeting: which the Law Requires to be Sworn: All appeared at the house of Mr Daniel Clark Innholder in Topsfield: immediately after the said Meeting was over and then took the oath belonging to their Respective offices. Excepting Aaron Estey

At a Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 20th 1732-3

1 Mr Joseph Herrick is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Mr Nath^l Bordman is Chosen to serve on y^e grand jury for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Mr Phineas Redington, and mr Solomon Gould, are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich for y^e County of Essex voted

4 Mr Thomas Gould, Mr Nathaniel Porter & Mr David Balch: are Chosen A Committe to provide a Schoolmaster for the Town. for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 The Town agreed that swine shall or May go at Large the year Ensuing they being well yoked and ringed as the Law Directs voted

6 The Town Allowed four shillings to Jacob Peabody for damage done to Joseph Hows Ladder when in the Towns Use voted

7 The Town Allowed to John Perkins one pound Eight shillings for sweeping y^e meeting house y^e Last year voted

8 The Town Allowed five shillings: to Thomas Perkins for an Iron Cap for the top of the vein post on the meeting house it was put on in 1731 voted

9 The Town Allowed one pound one shilling to Joshua Towne it being an abatement of the Rates for Eben^r Russells head voted

We the Subscribers Being appointed by y^e selectmen of our several Towns viz Wenham and Topsfield to Renew, & Perambulate bounds between our Respective Towns as the Law directs, have Accordingly Attended s^d Service and have Renewed the bounds, according to settlement of the Bounds between our towns in the year 1682: which bounds we do agree unto as witness our hands.

Dat^d in Topsfield May y^e 2nd 1733

Tho^s Tarbox
Benjamin ffisk

A True Copy of the return of perambulation with Wenham attest Jacob Peabody Town Cle:

John Perkins
Will^m Reddington.

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs, are hereby Notified and warned to Convene together at the Meeting house in Topsfield on Tusday y^e fifteenth day of May Currant at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to Elect and Depute a Man to serve for and Represent our Town in a Great and General Court or Assembly to be Convened held & kept for his Majesties service at y^e Court house in Boston up[on] Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May Instant, and to see how y^e will order or agree that the School shall be kept and in what part of the Town and how often

to be removed and to see if y^e Town will allow a gate to be hanged across the Road beyond Nathan Bixbys house and to allow Bills of Charge

John Howlett	}	Selectmen
Tobijah Perkins		of
William Reddington		Topsfield

Michael Dwinel Constable of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 15th 1733

1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen to serve for & Represent y^e Town at y^e Great and General Court to be held & kept at y^e Town house in Boston on y^e 30th day of May Currant and so in y^e several Sessions of s^d Court till it be dissolved voted

3 The Town allowed six shillings To Nathaniel Porter, Joseph Town and John Wildes for Perambulating with Salem men on y^e 30th day of Aprill 1733

4 The Town allowed Eighteen shillings To Eliezer Lake, Tobijah perkins & Jacob Peabody Trustees for y^e Towns Last Loan for their trouble in taking in the intrest of said Loan this year
voted 00 18 00

5 The Town Allowed to y^e Com^{tee} for y^e School viz mr Tho^s Gould M^r Nath^l Porter, & mr David Balch, four pound Twelve shillings to pay the Schoolmaster for his service one Month in keeping school he boarding himself voted 4-12-0

6 The Town Allowed six pounds to Jacob Peabody for his serving at the General Court in Aprill Last voted 6-0-0

We the subscribers being Appointed to perambulate and renew the Bounds between Salem and Topsfield accordingly mett on the 30th of April 1733 and renewed the bounds Begining at a white oak tree marked S. W. T. with a heap of stones round it near Wenham Caseway, and from thence to a black or red oak tree & stump with stones between y^e said tree is standing in Bixby's orchard and marked S. T. & from thence to a heap of stones near the Corner of Thomas Dwinells pasture, and from thence to a heap of stones near Nickols's Brook a little above the saw mill and so on the same course to Nickols's Brook.

Nathaniel Porter	}	for	John Higginson	}	for
Joseph Town		Topsfield	John Cabot Jun ^r		Salem
John Wilds			John Ward		

This is a True Copy of the Return of Perambulation with Salem attest. Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate and renew the Bounds between Topsfield and Boxford accordingly mett on the 4th of May 1733 and renewed the bounds. Begining at the Apple tree in Cap^t Perleys field to a stake and heap of stones at the southeasterly corner of m^r Bakers farm now in Boxford and from thence to a damm called Andrews damm near to m^r Thomas Goulds Hous and from thence (being the place where the water now runs under said damm) southerly to a stake and heap of stones by the fishing Brook on the easterly side of the Revolet running into said Brook and thence as s^d Brook runs into the River called Ipswich River and thence up said River to Middleton line

Thomas Perley	} for Boxford	Joseph Andrew	} for Topsfield
Jeremiah Perley		Tobijah Perkins	
Nath ^l Symonds		John Wilds	

A True Copy of the Return of Perambulation with Boxford
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Boston May 31: 1733

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield Ten pound Eleven shillings & three pence Intrest to y^e 1st June 1733 for Mr Treasurer Allen. Pr Eben^r Swan

This is a True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield July y^e 4th 1732

Received of Mr Eliezer Lake & mr George Bixby two of the School Committe for the Town of Topsfield the sum of Nine pounds being in full as p agreement for three Months teaching School in said Town I say Rec^d

P me Thomas Hicks

Topsfield October 19th 1732. Rec^d of Mr George Bixby one of the School Committe for the Town of Topsfield, the sum of Nine pounds it being in full for a Quarters teaching School in said Town I say Rec^d

Pr me Tho^s Hicks.

Topsfield March y^e 10th 1732-3. Rec^d of Mr George Bixby and Mr Eliezer Lake School Committe for the Town of Topsfield: the sum of Twelve pounds for four months

teaching School in said Town I say Rec^d

P me Tho^s Hicks

The three Receipts Last Entred are True Copies Attest
Jacob Peabody T: Cler.

Topsfield October 30: 1732.

Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer the sum of
Six pounds in full for my Last years salary from March 2nd
1732 to September 2: 1732

pr me John Emerson

Topsfield Aprill 4th 1733. Received of m^r Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer the Sum of Twenty five pounds which is y^e
full of this within written order; and which is in full of my
Last years salary from September 2: 1732 to March 2:
1733.

As witness my hand

John Emerson.

The two Receipts Last Entred are True Copies attest
Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield January 19th 1732-33 Then Received of Mr
Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of one pound twelve
shillings in full for my keeping the Schoolmaster the space
of one month I say received by me her

Dorothy X Robinson
mark

This is A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler.

The ffreholders, and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of
Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting as y^e Law Directs
are hereby Notified and Warned to Convene together at y^e
Meeting house in Topsfield, on Tuseday y^e 18th Day of Sep-
tember Currant at one of the Clock after noon: then and
there to Choose two men according to Warrant: to serve on
y^e Jury of Tryalls to be holden at Newbery on y^e Last
Tuseday of this instant September: and to see how Much
Money the Town will agree to raise to Defray Town Charges;
and to see what y^e Town will Do Concerning hanging and
Maintaining a gate on y^e way y^t goeth through Mr John
Andrew's Land to Boxford: And to see how the Town will
agree to Dispose of y^e intrest of y^e Towns Loan Money for
y^e Last year. and to see if ye Town will abate Lieu^t Goulds
Rate Layd to him y^e Last year for Andrew Mecanes head:
and to allow bills Charg

Dat^d September y^e 14th 1733.

John Howlet Tobijah Perkins
David Balch John Wildes

[Torn] Town of Topsfield William Redington Selectmen
of Topsfi^d

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t y^e 18th 1733

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Jacob Perkins Jun^r & John Perkins Jun^r are Chosen to
serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e Next Inferiour Court to be
holden at Newbery
voted

3 Voted that the selectmen shall Raise a Tax of one hun-
dred and sixty five pounds for y^e Ministry, and to defray the
other Town Charges this year
voted

4 Voted that the Trustees of y^e Towns Loan shall have
Eighteen shillings of y^e intrest of said Loan for their trouble
in said Trust in y^e Last year it being allowed to them on y^e
fifteenth of May Last
o^l 18^s o^d

And the Remaining part of s^d intrest which is four pound
seven shillings and seven pence shall go to pay Jacob Pea-
body part of y^e six pound y^t was allowed to him by y^e Town
on y^e 15th Day of May Last

5 The Town allowed Two shillings to Mr Daniel Clark for
perambulating with Wenham men in y^e year 1727

voted o 2 o

6 The Town allowed four shillings to William Redding-
ton & John Perkins for Perambulating on y^e Line with Wen-
ham men in 1733
voted o 4 o

7 The Town allowed Eight shillings to Matthew Peabody
for Timber for bridges 1733
o 8 o

8 The Town Allowed six shillings to David Commings for
Timber for highways 1733
o 6 o

9 The Town Allowed one shilling & six pence to Benj^a
Towne for Timber for hiways
o 1 o

Boston October 4th 1733. Rec^d of Mr Thomas Dwinel
Constable of Topsfield by mr Jacob Peabody Twenty pounds
six shillings & Ten pence in full

P Jer. Allen Treasurer

A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Boston June 20th 1732

Rec^d of Mr Matthew Peabody Constable of Topsfield
Twenty one pound six shillings in full for Mr Treasurer
Allen: by mr Jacob Peabody

P Eben^r Swan

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified for Voting as the Law Directs: are hereby notified and warned to Convene together at the meeting house in Topsfield: on fryday the fourteenth Day of December Currant at one A Clock afternoon then and there to see what they will Do (or order to be done) with y^e watch house: And to see what the Town will do Concerning a school house, Whither to Erect one or not; And to make up accompts with y^e Town Treasurer; And to make up accompts with Mr Luke Averill Concerning some money that he Received of Out Towns men towards our Ministers or Town Rate when he was Constable; which he has not given an account of: And to allow bills of Charge

John Howlett

Tobijah Perkins

Dat^d Topsfield Decemb^r 7th 1733

David Balch

William Reddington

Samuel Smith Constable of Topsfield Selectmen of Tops

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield December 14th 1733

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Mr Daniel Clark, & m^r Joseph Herrick are Chosen a Committe; to Reckon with the Town Treasurer; and mr William Reddington y^e Clark of the present selectmen is to Assist them in the said service
voted

3 And said Committe are to make Report of their doings in that affair: at the annual Town Meeting in March Next
voted

4 The Town Allowed Twenty three pounds to the School Committee; to pay the Schoolmaster for his service in keeping School; and for his board five months past
voted

5 The Town Allowed thirteen shillings to Joseph Andrew for Isaac Peabody for Timber to mend the Bridge by Jesse Dormans & that near Jacob Peabodys: voted

6 The Town Allowed to Joseph Andrew surveyer Two shillings & six pence for Jacob Averill for six slabs to mend Mile brook Bridge this year voted

7 The Town allowed to Joseph Andrew for John Perkins five shillings for Timber to mend the bridge between s^d Perkinses and Joshua Towns house this year voted

Topsfield December y^o 14: 1733

Rec^d of Mr Thomas Dwinel Constable y^e sum sixteen shillings and four pence in full: for all y^e Rates Committed to him to gather and pay to Me P^r me Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer

This is a True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

December 19th 1733

There is taken up by William Rogers of Topsfield, A stray stear Come in two years old: a Dark Collour, with a star in his forehead, and some white on his hind feet: his Artificial marks are a slit in y^e End of Each Ear, and a hole in y^e uper side of his right Ear, and a small Crop off the End thereof and a halfpenny on y^e uper side of the Left Ear

Essex ss

Dec^r 17th 1733

We the Subscribers being appointed to Perambulate the Line between the Towns of Ipswich and Topsfield, Met on y^e day above said; and Perambulated said Line and Renewed the bounds in said Line by marking Trees and Laying Rocks. In witness whereof we have set our Hands the year and Day above s^d

John Howlett	} Committe of Topsfield	Thomas Berry	} Committe of Ipswich
Tobijah Perkins		Benj ^a Crocker	
		Nathaniel Hart	
	1733	Aaron Potter	1733

A True Copy from the original Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk.

Topsfield December 11th 1733 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer the sum of fourteen pounds in full of my Last years sallary from March 2^d 1733 to September 2nd 1733 as witness my hand John Emerson

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield March y^e 1733-4 Received of m^r Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer the sum of Ten pounds in full for my half
years sallary from September 2nd 1733 to March 2: 1733-4
by me John Emerson

This is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield ffebruary y^e 28th 1734-5 then Rec^d of Jacob
Peabody one of the Trustees for the Towns Loan: the sum
of five pounds five shillings and seven pence it being the
Towns part of the intrest of the Loan Money which the
Town at a Town Meeting May 14th 1734 ordered the Trus-
tee to pay in to the Treasurer. I say Rec^d by me

Ivory Hovey

Treasurer for s^d Town

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Di-
rects are hereby Notified, and warned to Assemble and meet
together at the Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the
fift Day of March next Ensuing the Date hereof at Eight of
the Clock before noon: then and there to Choose a Town
Clerk, and other Town officers as the Law directs; and to
put in their votes for a County Treasurer: and to see if the
Town will agree and give order for the buying of a Town
Book and to see what the Town will Do Concerning School
Cost, Referring to a Petition to us from mr Joseph Herrick
and others, concerning y^t Affair: which will appear at the
aforesd meeting and to Chuse a Committee to see that the
Proportionable part of the fence be Done on both parties
between our Parsonage and mr Daniel Clarks and Dan Clarks
Land: and to Allow bills of Charge

Dat^d Topsfield ffebruary y^e 19th 1733-4

Samuel Smith	John Howlett	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Constable of Topsfield	John Wildes	
	David Balch	
	Tobijah Perkins	

A True Copy of the Notification for y^e Annual Town meet-
ing on y^e fift of March 1733-4 Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Cler

These are to Certify those whom it may concern that the

several votes y^t passed at the two Town meetings in Topsfield in March 1733-4 were kept on y^e files and not Recorded till after this Book was bought

Jacob Peabody T Cle:

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March 5th 1733-4

- 1 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted
- 2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year Ensuing
voted
- 3 Mr Jonathan Perkins & mr Joseph Perkins are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing
voted
- 4 Mr Ivory Hovey is Chosen Treasurer for y^e Town for y^e year Ensuing
voted
- 5 Mr Nath^l Porter Cap^t Joseph Gould Mr Eliezer Lake Mr Joseph Robinson and Mr Benjamin Towne are Chosen Selectmen for the year Ensuing
voted
- 6 Mr John Hovey is Chosen sealler of Leather for y^e year Ensuing
voted
- 7 Mr George Bixby, Mr David Balch & Mr William Reddington are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing
voted
- 8 Mr Joseph Herrick Mr Nath^l Capen & Mr Joseph Peabody are Chosen Surveyers of Highwa[y]s for y^e year Ensuing
voted
- 9 Mr Luke Averill and m^r Jacob Perkins Jun^r are Chosen fenceviewers for the year Ensuing
voted
- 10 Mr Dan Clark: Mr Thomas Perkins & Amos Dorman are Chosen Hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing
voted
- 11 Then the Town Proceeded to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer
- 12 The Town agreed to have a Town Book Bought, and ordred Jacob Peabody to buy one & to Draw money out of y^e Town Treasury to Pay for it
voted
- 13 Voted that the Town Treasurer shall Receive the sum of Eleven shillings which Mr Luke Averill had in his hands of the Towns Money & hath now Laid on y^e Table
- 16 Voted that Mr Eliezer Lake & Cap^t John Howlett be a Committee to Divide fence with Mr Daniel Clark viz. between sd Clarks first Division of Common Land and the Parsonage; and s^d Committee to make up the Towns part of s^d fence

17 The Town agreed that all Such Parents or Masters that Shall Send their Children or Servants to y^e Towns Schools shall pay four pence per week for each Childe or Servant for their Schooling: and the Town to Make up what is wanting to pay the Schoolmaster voted

18 Mr Jacob Dorman is Chosen to Serve on y^e Grand jury for y^e year Ensuing voted

19 Mr John Prichitt & Mr John Wildes are Chosen to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

20 The Town allowed to the Committe for y^e School Eleven pound one shilling and four pence to pay the Schoolmaster for his Service and board two Months & Twelve Days voted 11-1-4

21 The Town allowed to Benjamin How one pound Eight shillings for Sweeping the meeting house one year past voted 1 8 0

22 The Town allowed to Cap^t John Howlett three shillings 0-3-0 for Perambulating with Ipswich men on y^e Line between y^e Towns in 1733 and three shillings to Mr Tobijah Perkins for y^e Same Service voted 0-3-0

23 The Town allowed to mr John Wildes six shillings for Gitting Some Warrants Entred in the Courts Records of persons being warned out of Town voted

24 The Town allowed to Mr Tobijah Perkins and Mr John Wildes four Shillings for Perambulating on y^e Line with Boxford men voted 0-4-0

The Several Persons Chosen to office at the afore Said Town meeting of whom an oath is Law Required: were all Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices immediately after the said meeting was over, before the Selectmen: Excepting Nath^{el} Capen Jacob Perkins Jun^r and Joseph Peabody

Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are Notified and Warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on fryday the Twenty Second Day of March Currant at three of Clock after noon on Said Day first to Choose a Committee to Supply the Town with a School master for y^e year Ensuing.

2 To See if the Town will Give Liberty for Swine to go at Large

Dat^d Topsfield March the 14: 1733-4

Jonathan Perkins Constable of Topsfield
 Nath^{el} Porter
 Joseph Gould
 Joseph Robinson
 Benj^a Towne
 Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification attest Jacob Peabody
 Town Cler

At A Legal Towne Meeting in Topsfield March 22nd 1733-4

1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
 voted

2 Voted that Swine Shall or may go at Large this year
 according as the Law gives Liberty.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
 Topsfield, Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Vot-
 ing are hereby Warned, & Notified, to Assemble, and Meet
 together, at the Meeting house in Topsfield; on Tuseday the
 fourteenth of May Currant at one of the Clock afternoon

1 To Chuse a Representative to Serve at the Great and
 General Court to be hild at Boston.

2 To See if the Town will Make an addition to the Rever-
 end Mr John Emersons Salary.

3 To See what y^e Town will do Concerning a School mas-
 ter this year.

4 To See what y^e Town will do Concerning the Carrying
 in the fifth part of the Loan Money, and the intrest of the
 whole Loan belonging to said Town.

5 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield May the Tenth 1734.
 Nath^{el} Porter
 Joseph Robinson
 Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification Attest Jacob Peabody
 Town Cler.

At a Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 14th 1734

1 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
 voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative to Serve at y^e General Court

3 The Town agreed that the Trustees Shall Carry in the first fift part of the Towns Loan to y^e Province Treasurer with two thirds of y^e intrest voted

4 Voted that the Trustees for sd Loan shall pay in y^e intrest of sd Loan which belongs to y^e Town to the Town Treasurer voted

5 The Town Allowed to John Perkins so Much Money viz our paper Currancy as Amos Robinson was Rated for his head in Said Perkins Lists when he was Constable sd Robinson having paid for his head at Lunenburg y^e same year

voted

6 The Town Allowed to Ebenezer Nickols a former Constable Eight Shillings & four pence it being an abatement for Archelus Townes head voted

7 The Town Allowed to the Trustees viz Eliezer Lake Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody Eighteen Shillings for their trouble about the Loan Money this year voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of The Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting, are hereby Notified & warned to assemble and meet together at the Meeting house in said Town on Tuseday the Twenty Eighth Day of May Currant at three of the Clock in the after noon

1 To See if the Town will agree to Make any More Seats in the Meeting house and to Do any other thing or things about Said Meeting house that the Town shall think best

2 To See What the Town will Do Concerning a School Master

3 To See if the Town will Reckon with the Town Treasurer

Dated Topsfield May the 21st 1734

Nath^l Porter

Jonathan Perkins Constable of Topsfield

Joseph Gould

Joseph Robinson

Benj^a Towne

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 28th 1734

1 John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting

voted

2 The Town agreed that there Should be a Seat Erected, before the womens Seats in y^e Gallary and also that there be Seats built on y^e East and South of the womens Seats below where there is Convenient Room in the meeting house in order to make more room for the women voted

3 Voted that the Selectmen Shall Reckon with the Town Treasurer

4 Voted that Mr Eliezer Lake Mr George Bixby & Mr John Wildes be a Committee to provide a School master for the Town for this year

The free holders and Other Inhabitatione of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting: are hereby Notified and Warned to Convene together att the Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday the Eighteenth Day of this instant September at two of the Clock after noon—To Choose two good & Lawfull Men to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Newbery within and for the County of Essex on the Last Tuseday of this Present September

Dated at Topsfield Sep^t the fourteenth 1734

Joseph Perkins Constable of Topsfield

A True Copy Examined P Joseph Peabody Town Clerk

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield September the 18: 1734.

1 En^s Ivory Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this: Meeting voted

2 Mr Dan Clark & Mr Isaac Peabody are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting, are hereby Warned and Notified; to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting House in Said Town on Tuseday the Twelfth Day of November Currant At one of the Clock After noon

1 To See if the Town will Make an addition to the Reverend Mr Emersons Salary or Come to a New Agreement with him About his Salary, or Do any other thing or things about Said Salary that the Town Shall think best

2 To See how Much Money they will Raise to Defray Town Charges this year

3 To Impower the Trustees to Sue for the Loan Money

4 To accept of the Return of the Selectmens Reckoning with Said Town Treasurer

5 To Allow bills of Charge.

Nath^l Porter

Dat^d Topsfield November y^e 6: 1734

Eliezer Lake

Jonathan Perkins Constable of Topsfield

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield November y^e 12 :
1734

1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 The Town Agreed to give to the Reverend Mr John Emerson the Sum of Twenty pounds; one half thereof to be paid in September following.
voted

3 The Town Impowered the Trustees of the Towns Loan money viz Mr Eliezer Lake, Mr Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody to Sue any person or persons that have hired any of the Said Loan who are Defective in paying in the Same: and the Town will bear out the Said Trustees in all their Lawfull proceedings in that Affair
voted

4 The Town Accepted of the Selectmens Return of their Reckoning with the Town Treasurer.
voted

5 The Town Allowed thirteen pounds & Sixteen Shillings to the School Committee to pay the School Master for keeping School three Months And for his boarding that time
voted 13:16:0

6 The Town Allowed one pound to Mr Joseph Herrick for two Tun of Timber to mend y^e high ways this year
voted 1-0-0

7 The Town Allowed to Matthew Peabody Six Shillings & Six pence for timber to mend the high ways this year
voted 0-6-6

The free holders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified as the Law directs for Voting are hereby Notified and warned to assemble & meet together

at the meeting house in s^d Topsfield on Tuesday y^e fourth day of March next Ensuing the date hereof at Eight of the Clock in y^e morning

1ly To Chuse A Town Clark Constables Select men & Other Town Officers as the Law directs to be chosen Annually

2ly To Chuse a commite to supply the Town with a School Master for y^e year Ensuing

3ly To see if y^e Town will Reacon with the Town Treasurer

4ly To see what the Town will do with y^e money in deacon Jacob Peabodys hands & to Allow Bills of Charge Dated Topsfield ffebruary y^e 21 1734-5

Jonathan Perkins Constable

of Topsfield

A True Coppie as atest John Hovey

Town Clark

Nathaniel porter

Joseph Gould

Eliazer Lake

Benjamin Towne

At a Legal Town meeting in Topsfield March 4th 1734-5

1 M^r Nathaniel porter is Chosen moderater for this meeting
voated

2 John Hovey chosen Town Clark for y^e year Ensuing
voted & was inmedatly sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of s^d office

3 M^r Ephraim Wilds & Jacob Redington were chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing Ephrum wilds sworn Jacob redington sworn

4 Ivory Hovey was chosen Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing Sworn

5 deacon John Howlett deacon Jacob Peabody Richard Towne Benjamin Towne & Matthew Peabody are chosen select men for y^e year Ensuing sworn asseors

6 Leiut Tobijah Pirkins m^r Eliazer Lake & Luke Averill are Chosen Tithing men for y^e year Ensuing sworn

7 John Hovey was Chosen sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing
sworn

8 Ens Joseph Dorman philip Town & m^r Joseph Herrick were chosen surveyers of highways sworn Daniel Redington Robert Perkins & George Bixby were chosen ffence viewers for y^e year ensuing
sworn

10 Aaron Esty & William perkins Junior are chosen Hogg Reives for y^e yer Ensuing
sworn

11 David Baltch was chosen surveyor of hemp & flax for y^e year Ensuing

12 Cap^t Joseph Gould m^r Nathaniel borman & m^r Joseph Herrick was chosen a committe to supply the Town with a school master for y^e year Ensuing voted

13 The Town agreed that the money in deacon Peabodys hand w^{ch} is forty pound ten shillings should be paid into the Town Treasurers hand for the Towns use by s^d peabody voted

14 it was voated y^t y^e select men should Reacon with the Tow[n] Treasurer

15 m^r Zacheus Gould was chosen to serve upon the gran jury

16 Ivory Hovey & Luke Averill to serve on the Jury of Trials at next Ipswich Court

17 The Town alowed to m^r Joseph Peabody fifteen shillings & six pence for timber to mend the highwayes in y^e year 1734 voted

18 The Town alowed y^e school Committe thirteen pound sixteen shillings for providing the Town with a school for the three months last past voted

19 the Town alowed to m^r Benjamin How one pound Eight shillings for sweeping the meeting house voted

20 the Town alowed to m^r Nathaniel Porter three shillings for warning parsons out of Town voted

21 The Town alowed to Ens Ivory Hovey Twenty shillings for his services as Town Treasurer for two years last past voted

The freeholders & Other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified as the Law directs for voting are hereby Notified & warned to assemble and meet together at the Meeting house in said Town on Wedensday the nineteenth Currant at three of the Clock in the after noon

1ly To see if the town will give Liberty for swine to go at Large as y^e Law directs

2ly To Chuse a Commite to make up the Towns part of ffence between mr Clarks land & y^e Parsonge

Dated Topsfield March ye 11th 1734 or 5 Matthew Peabody True Copy as atest John Hovey Town Cler Richard Towne

Ephraim Wilds Constable of Topsfield Benjamin Towne Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting Topsfield March 19 1734 or 5
 1ly Capt John Howlett is chosen Moderator for this meet-
 ing voted

2ly the Town agreed y^t y^e swine should go at Larg as the
 Law directs for y^e yeare Ensuing voted

3ly Mr Matthew Peabody & M^r Ephraim Wilds were
 Chosen to make up the Towns part of f fence between M^r
 Daniel Clarks land & y^e parsonage voted

March 19 1735 Then Received of Deacon Jacob Peabody
 the sum of forty Pounds Ten shillings which sum s^d Peabody
 was Ordered to pay in rent unto me at our last Annual Town
 meeting

I say recived by me Ivory Hovey

Treasurer for s^d Town

True Coppy as Attest John Hovey Town Clar.

The free holders and other inhabitants of the Town of
 Topsfield such as are Qualified for voting as y^e Law Directs
 are hereby notified & warned to Conven together att the
 meeting hous in topsfield on wednesday the 14th day of this
 month Currant att Two of y^e clo in y^e after noon

1ly To Choose a man to serve as A Representative at the
 Great and General Court

2ly To see what the Town will do Concerning Gitting A
 Bell for the meeting house

3ly to see what the Town will do about Repairing the ston
 wall between m^r Daniel Clarks land & y^e Parsonage

4ly To see what y^e Town will do with y^e intrest of the
 Lone money

5ly To alow bills of charge

Dated Topsfield May y^e 10th

1735

Benjamin Towne

Matthew Peabody

Richar^d Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

Jacob Reddington Constable

Att A Legal Town meeting Topsfield May 14th 1735

1ly Deacon Jacob Peabody is chosen moderator for this
 meeting

2ly Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e
 year Ensuing

3ly Israel Clark & Dan Clark are chosen a commitie to

repair the parsonag part of fence between m^r Daniel Clarks land & it

4ly The Town agrees y^t y^e Trustees of the lone money shall have Eighteen shillings for theire service y^e yare past
voted

5ly The Town agrees that Trustees shall pay in the second fifth part of the Lone money with the intrest belonging to it to the province treasurer
voted

6ly The [Town] agreed that the Towns part of y^e intrest of y^e lone money shall be paid to the Town Treasurer for y^e Towns use
voted

The pertickeler Concerning y^e Bell passed in y^e Negative
Topsfield may 14 1735 Cap^t John Howlett deacon Jacob Pebody Richard Town Benja Town & Matthew Peabody took the oath of assessors for y^e Town of Topsfield

May 14 1735 the select men approbated m^r William howlett Schoolmaster for the year Ensuing according as he hath agreed with Capt Joseph Gould m^r Joseph Herrick & Quar Borman a Committie chosen for y^t End

Topsfield November 18 1731 Received of m^r Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of Two pounds Ten shillings in full for my half years salary from march 2 1731 to september 2 1731
by me John Emerson

Topsfield September y^e 13th 1734 M^r Ivory Hovey Treasurer of s^d Town Sir you are hereby ordered to pay forthwith to y^e Reverend m^r John Emerson fifty pounds

Nathaniel porter
Joseph Robinson
Benj^a Towne

select men of Topsfield

Topsfield Novembar 19 1734 Recived of mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of four pounds the full of this order & in full for my half years Salary from march 2 1734 to September 2 1734

by me John Emarson

Topsfield March 20 1734-5 Recived of mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of forty seven pounds in part of my half years Salary from Sept 2 to march 2 1734-5

By me John Emarson

The freeholders & Other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified as y^e Law directs for voting are hereby warned and notified to Assemble and meet together at the meeting house in s^d Town on Wednesday y^e Second day of July next Ensuing the Date hereof at four of the Clock after noon

1ly to see whether the Tow[n] will alter or discontinue y^e way y^t is laid out from the Southerly End of Jacob Redingtons Land to nathaniel Porters land

2ly To allow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield Jun y^e 25th 1735 John Howlett Mathew
peabody Benjam Towne
Ephraim Wilds Constable Select men of Topsfield

Att a Legal Town meeting July y^e 2^d 1735

1ly deacon John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2dly That pertickler to see whether the town would alter the highway as aboues^d passed in the negative y^e 3^{dly} y^e Town Allowed Ephraim Wilds Two pounds Eleven shillings & six pence for making a ston wall between m^r Daniel Clarks Land and the Parsonage Land voted

Topsfield Aprill 2 1735 Received of m^r Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of Thirteen pounds in full for my half year Salary from September 2^d 1734-5 by me John Emerson

The ffree holders and Other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified as y^e Law directs for voting are hereby warned & notified to assemble and meet together at y^e meeting house in s^d Town on Tusday the Twenty third daye of Septembar Currant at Two of y^e Clock after noon

1ly To Chuse Jury men for Newbury Court

2ly To see if y^e Town will give or allow anything to y^e Reverand Mr John Emerson for y^e year Insuing more yⁿ his Sallery

3ly To see how much money the Town will Raise to defray Town Charges

4ly to see if y^e Town will sell y^e Watch House

5ly To see if y^e Town will accept of the select mens Return of y^{er} Reaconing with the Town Treasurer

Gly to see if the Town will Order any other way of warning Town meetings

7ly To allow Bills of Charges

Dated Topsfield Sept 17th 1735

Jacob Redington	Matthew Peabody	} Select men of Topsfield
Constable of Topsfield	Richard Towne	
	Benj ^a Towne	

At A Legal Town meeting September 23 1735

firstly deacon Jacob Peabody is Chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly David Baultch & Zacheus Perkins are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at the next inferior Court at newbury

3dly ye Town agreed to giue to the Reverend m^r John Emarson as a gift 20 pound 10 pound to be paid the second day of March next & Ten pound upon the second day of september next following

& upon y^e ffifth pertickeler the Town Accepted of y^e select mens return of there Reaconing with y^e Town Treasurer

lastly The Town allowed five shillings to mr Joseph Herick for timber to mend y^e highways

also y^e Town allowed to m^r Israel & Dan Clark three pound for repairing y^e ston wall between y^e Parsonage & m^r Daniel Clarks land

& The town allowed the select men for their valuation of the Towns Estate in Order to assesment 3^l 10^s 00^d and to Dan Clark for Timber to mend y^e highway 00 01 06

Decembar 23 1735: recived of mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer the sum of seven pounds ten shillings in full for my half years sallary from march second 1734-5 To September 2^d 1735 By me John Emarson

To m^r John Hovey Town Clark these are to inform you That m^r David Balch has taken the Oath of surveior of hemp & flax before us y^e subscribers & we desire you to make a Record Thereof

	Benj ^a Towne	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	Richard Towne	
Dated Topsfield Novem-	Matthew Peabody	
ber y ^e 6 th 1735	Jacob Peabody	

The ffree holders and other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Qualified as the Law directs for voting in Town

affairs are hereby notified to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the second of March next at Eight of y^e clock in y^e morning

ffirst To chuse a Town Clark Constables Select men & other Town officers as y^e Law directs

2ly To see if the town will join with Beverly to Petition the General Court for a Township

3ly to see if the Town will hear & Consider y^e Petition of m^r Joseph Herrick & Others

4ly To see if the town will agree with W^m Redington about the price of y^e Bricks which he took from y^e Watch house

5ly To see what advise the Town will give to the Town Treasurer refering to m^r Samuel Smiths Rates

6ly To Reckon with the Town Treasurer

7ly To choose a Committie to supply y^e Town with a school master

8ly To alow Bills of Charge: 9ly to see if the Town will make and maintain A Cart Gate on y^e Road y^t Leads Through John Andrews Lands

Dated Topsfield ffeb y^e 17th 1735

	Benj ^a Towne	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Jacob Redington Constable	Matthew Peabody	
of Topsfield	Richard Towne	
	Jacob Peabody	

Att a Legal Town meeting in Topsfield March 2^d 1735. or 6
1ly Deacon Jacob Peabody is Chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly John Hovey is chosen Town Clark for y^e year Ensuing

3ly Daniel Gould & phineas redington are chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing daniel gould sworn

4ly Deacon Ivory Hovey David Baultch Jacob Redington George Bixby & Luke Averel are chosen Select men for the year Ensuing

5ly John Hovey is chosen Sealer of Leather for the year Ensuing sworn

6ly Deacon Ivory Hovey is chosen Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing sworn

7ly Daniel Redington Jacob Averell Joseph Dorman are chosen Tithing men for year Ensuing Daniel redington & Jacob averell sworn

8ly William Rogers Eliazer Lake Israel Clark are chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing sworn

[No 9ly.]

10ly Daniel Clark & David Commins are chosen surveyors of high wayes for y^e year Ensuing sworn

11ly Samuel Curtice and John Town Junior are Chosen hogg Reives for the year Ensuing sworn

12ly L^t Zacheus Gould is chosen surveyor of hemp & flax for the year Ensuing sworn

13ly The Town agrees y^t The Town Treasurer shall make dist[r]ess upon Samuel Smith a former Constable for the money which is behind of y^e Town Rate Committed to him to Colect & gather in voted

14ly The Town Agrees y^t William Redington shall give Twenty shillings for y^e bricks he had from the watch house voted

15ly The Town agrees y^t y^e present Select men Reacon with the Town Treasurer

16ly The Town agrees y^t Nathaniel Capen shall have the watch house for forty shillings voted

17ly John Wilds Joshua Town y^e Richard Town are chosen a committee to provide the Town with a school master for y^e year Ensuing

18ly The Town alows Nathaniel Capen ten shillings for Timbar to mend y^e Bridg by the metting house

19ly The Town alows 23^l 00^s 00^d to be paid for the last year schooling

20ly the Town alows Jacob Redington five shillings for Timbar to a small bridg

21ly y^e Town alows Benjamin How Twenty Eight shillings for sweeping y^e meeting house

22ly y^e Town alows Luke Averell one shilling for timber to mend mile brook bridg

23ly The Town alows Isaac Peabody Eight Shillings for Timbar to mend y^e ffals Bridg

24ly The Town alowed m^r Nathaniel Capen Three shillings for putting up a board to the window over the pulpit

also The Town accepts of John Wilds in y^e room of Phineas Redington to be Constable for y^e year Ensuing Wilds sworn

To m^r John Wilds one of y^e Constables of Topsfield in his majesties name you are Required forthwith to warn all the inhabitants of s^d Town in your Ward Lawfully Qualified for voting viz all on the Estarly side of y^e Contry Road from the Town bridg to the meeting house in Topsfield & all on the northerly side of y^e Road y^t Leads from s^d meeting house to m^r Emarsons To Convene together at the meeting house in Topsfield on Wedensday next it being the Twenty fourth of march instant at two of the clock in y^e afternoon

1ly To Choos a Select man in y^e room of deacon Ivory Hovey

2ly To chose Three good and Lawfull Jury men one to Serve on gran jury and two on y^e Jury of trials at y^e next inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich

3ly To see if y^e Town will choose a tything man in y^e room of Ens Joseph Dorman

4ly To see if y^e Town will agree y^t y^e swine shall go at Large this year

Hereof fail not & make return of this your warrant and your doings there in befor s^d meeting to one or more of y^e Select-men

David Baultch

Jacob redington

Dated Topsfield march 17 1735 or 6 Luke Averill

George Bixby

Select men of Topsfield

Essex ss Topsfield march y^e 24 day 1736 By virtue of this warrant I have warned y^e inhabitants within mentioned to appear att Time & place within mentioned

John Wilds Constable for Topsfield

There was another warrant to m^r Daniel Gould one of y^e Constables of Topsfield to warn the inhabitants in his ward at the same time as afors^d yⁿ Returned accordingly

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March 24 1735 or 6

1ly M^r John Wilds is chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly Matthew Peabody is chosen Select man for y^e year Ensuing

3ly Michael Dwinel is chosen to serve upon y^e Grand Jury

4ly Joseph Herrick & W^m Rogers are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials

5ly the Town agrees y^t y^e swine shall go at Large the year Ensuing as y^e Law directes

We y^e subscribers being appointed to Perambulate & renew the bounds Between Salem & Topsfield accordingly met on the 20th of April 1736 and Renewed the bounds beginning att a whit Oak Tree marked S W T w^t a heap of stones round it near Wenham Causey ffrom thence to a black or red oak tree and stump with stones between s^d tree y^e stump standing in Bixbys orchard marked S T & from thence to a heap of stones near y^e Corner of Thomas Dunels pasture & from thence to a heap of stones near nichols brook a little aboue the saw mill and so on y^e same course to nichols Brook

Joseph Towne
Matthew Peabody

Samuel Porter
Nathaniel Putnam
Israel Andrews

We y^e Subscribers Being appointed by the select men of our several Town as Topsfield & Wenham to renew and perambulate the bounds between our Respective Towns as the Law directes have accordingly attended said service and have renewed y^e Bounds according to the settlement of y^e Bounds between our Towns which bounds we doe agree unto as witness our hands this 26 day of april 1736

Thos Tarbox Benj ffairfield
Micheall Dwinell John Towne

The ffreeholders and other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield that have an Estate of free hold in Land within this province or territory of forty shillings Per annum at y^e least or other Estate to the value of fifty pounds starling are hereby warned to assemble at the meeting house in s^d Town on Wednesday the Twelveth day of May next at two a clock in the after noon

1ly To choose a Representative to serve at a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held & kept for his majesties service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday y^e Twenty six day of may next

2ly To see if y^e Town will sett off a part of y^e ffrunt galery for y^e Women to sit in & 3^{dly} to alow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield April 27 1736 David Balch Jacob redington
 Luke Averill Matthew
 John Wildes Constable peabody George Bixby
 Selectmen of Topsfield

Topsfield May 12 1736 at a Lawfull Town meeting
 1ly mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2ly Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e
 year Ensuing y^e 3^d Pertickler Concerning a part of frunt
 Galery passed in y^e negative

4ly The Town alowed four pound 12 shillings for y^e school
 master

To m^r Ivory Hovey Treasurer for y^e Town of Topsfield
 sir you are hereby ordered to pay to the Reverend m^r John
 Emanson y^e sum of sixty pound by y^e second day of March
 next Ensuing y^e Date hereof

Dated Topsfield ffebruary 17 Jacob Peabody Matthew
 1735-6 Peabody Richard Towne
 Benj^a Towe Select men
 of Topsfield

Topsfield April 17 1736 Recived of m^r Ivory Hovey Town
 Treasurer Eight pounds y^e full of this within written order
 and in full for my Salery to march 2 1735-6

By me John Emanson

Topsfield April 17th 1736 This day recived of Mr Joseph
 Herrick y^e full and just sum of Twenty three pounds in Cash
 and receipts to me paid and delivered it being the full Com-
 plesion of my Salary for y^e year past

P me William Howlett

Boston Jun 10th 1735 Rec^d of y^e Trustees of Topsfield by
 Cap^t Joseph Gould sixty one pounds five shillings fifty two
 pounds sixteen shillings of which is y^e second fifth of the
 £60000 and Eight pounds nine shillings thereof is y^e Inter
 for the year 1735

P Jer Allen Treas^r

Boston Janer^y 2^d 1735 Rec^d of mr Joseph Perkins Consta-
 ble of Topsfield by Cap^t Gould fifteen pound six shillings &
 Eight pence in full

P Jer Allen Treas^r £ 15 6 8

Topsfield March 3 1735-6 Received of m^r Constable Joseph Perkins y^e sum of six pounds five shillings in full by me
Ivory Hovey Town Treas^r

May y^e 31 1736 we The subscribers being appointed a Committie to Perambulate the line between the Towns of Ipswich & Topsfield met on the day aboves^d & Perambulated s^d Line and in witness whereof we have set our hands and seals the year & daye above written John Choat Philemon Dane Daniel Heard Phillip fowler Committee for Ipswich. John Wilds Tobijah Perkins Luke Averill, Committee ffor Topsfield 1736

The ffreeholders and other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting as y^e Law directs are hereby notified & warned to Convene and Assemble together at the meeting house in Topsfield on Tuesday y^e 14th of Septembar Currant att one of the Clock on s^d day

ffirstly To make Choice of two good and Lawfull men to serve on y^e Jury of Trials att the next inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at Newbery

3ly To see what money the Town will raise to defray Town Charges for y^e year Ensewing

3ly To see if y^e Town will accept of the select mens return of y^e Reaconing with the The Town Treasurer

4ly to see what the Town will doe Relating to the settling the line between us and Middleton and ffifthly to alow bills of charg

Jacob Redington David Balch Luke Averill Matthew Peabody George Bixby Select men of Topsfield John Wilds Constable for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Septembar y^e 14th 1736 ffirstly m^r Thomas Gould is chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly This meeting is adjourned from this 14th of Septembar to Tuesday the 21 of septembar Currant at place & clock aboves^d

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Septembar 21 1736 upon adjournment as abovesaid

Jacob Redington & George Bixby are chosen to serve on the Jury of tryals at y^e next inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at Newbery

2ly The Town agreed to Raise Thirty pounds beside m^r Emersons Salary to defray Town charges this year

3ly The Town accepts of y^e Select mens Return of their Reaconing with the Town Treasurer

y^e select men have approbated m^r William Howlett School master for the year ensuing

The ffreholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are qualified for voting are hereby required notified & warned to Conven together at the meeting house in Topsfield on fryday y^e Twelueth of Novembar Currant at one of the clock in y^e afternoon

ffirstly To see if the Town will give to y^e reverend m^r John Emerson Twenty pound as thay did y^e year past

2ly To see what y^e will doe with the of y^e Intrest Lone money now in the Trustees hands

3ly To see what y^e Town will order Consarning y^e money which y^e watch house and bricks belonging to it weare sould for

4ly To see if Town [will] Choose A Committe to treet with our neighbours in Ipswich ffarms in order to know their minds Consarning [being] set of to our Town

5ly To see if [the Town] will Choos a committee to set Bounds [between] Middleton and Topsfield

sixly to alow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield Novembar 1 1736 Jacob Redington
 Luke Averell George Bixby David Baultch Select men of
 Daniel Gould Constable for Topsfield Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Novembar 12 1736 firstly deacon Jacob Peabody is chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly the Town agrees to Give to the reverend m^r John Emerson Twenty pounds for this year as they did y^e year past

3ly The [Town] agrees that the intrest of the lone money shall be paid into the Town Treasurer for the Towns use

4ly The Town agrees that select men shall settle & perambulate the bounds between Middleton and our Town according to Court Grant

5ly Capt Joseph Gould deacon Jacob Peabody & Jacob Redington are chose a committie to meet with our neighbours in Ipswich farms in order to know theire minds Concerning theire being set of to our Town

and for bills of change y^e Town alowed to Matthew Peabody & Joseph Towne for perambulating with Salem six shillings

and to Ens Joseph Dorman and Thomas Gould for perambulating with boxford six shillings and to Tobijah Perkins John Wilds and Luke Averell for perambulating with Ipswich three shillings apeace & to Philip Towne for timber to mend the Town bridg five shillings to Joseph herrick for going to settle the line with middleton Three shillings & to the Trustees of the lone money for y^e care and Trouble Eighteen shillings

and to George bixby for timbar to mend wheel brook bridg six shillings

Boston Janu^{ry} 27 1736 Rec^d of the Trustees of the Town of Topsfield by y^e hand of Joseph Gould fifty two pounds sixteen shillings being y^e third fifth of y^e Sixty thousand pounds Loan & six pounds six shillings & eight pence Interest to y^e first of June 1736

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52 = 16 = 0 principal

6 = 06 = 8 Interest

Will^m Frye Treas

March y^e first 1736-7 then Rec^{vd} of M^r Eleazar Lake one of y^e Towns Trustees y^e sum of three pounds three shillings & two pence I say Rec^{vd} by me

Ivory Hovey Town Treas^r

To M^r John Wilds one of y^e Constables of y^e Town of Topsfield In his Majesties Name you are required forthwith to warn all y^e free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield in your Ward lawfully qualified for voting to convene together at y^e Meeting House in Topsfield afores^t on Tuesday y^e first Day of March next att Eight of the Clock in y^e morning

1stly To Choose a Town Clerk, Constables, Selectmen & all other Town officers as y^e Law directs

2ndly To see if y^e Town will accept y^e Return of y^e Committee Chosen November 12, 1736 to treat with our Neighbours in Ipswich farms concerning there being sett off to our Town

Also to see if y^e Town will accept of our aboves^d Neighbours of Ipswich farms upon y^e terms which they have Subscribed to & Choose a Committee to joyn with a Committee that they shall Choose in order to see where a line may be properly stated or to agree & conclude upon some other method as the Town shall then think proper peaceably to promote y^e aboves^d affair

3dly To choose a Sutable person for a grave digger for the Town

4thly To see if y^e Town will abate William Mackitreys Rate to Constable Jonathan Perkins

5thly To allow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield	Jacob Redington	} Selectmen of Topsfield
February 14 1736-7	David Balch	
	Luke Averill	
	Mathew Peabody	
	George Bixby	

Topsfield March y^e first 1736-7

B[y] virtue of this warrant I have warned the Inhabitants to appear at time & place within mentioned

John Wilds Constable

At a Lawful Town meeting in Topsfield March 1st 1736-7

1. Jacob Peabody is chosen Moderator for y^e Meeting
voted
2. Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year ensuing
voted
3. Deacon Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year ensuing
voted
4. M^r Jacob Perkins Jun^r & M^r Israel Clark [are] Chosen Constables for y^e year ensuing
voted
5. M^r Jacob Dorman, M^r John Wilds, M^r Benjamin Towne, Lieu^t Zacheus Gould & M^r Daniel Redington are Chosen Select men for y^e year ensuing
voted
6. M^r Israel Towne is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year

7. Mr Phinehas Redington, Mr William Perkins & Mr Jacob Redington are chosen tithing men for y^e year ensuing

voted

8. Mr Thomas Perkins, Mr Jacob Robinson & Mr David Commings are chosen fence viewers for y^e year ensuing

voted

10. Mr Benj^m How & Mr Samuel Perkins are choosen Hogreeves for y^e year ensuing

voted

9. Mr Thomas Dorman, Mr Samuel Towne & Lieu^{tn} Tobiah Perkins are Choosen Surveyors of highways for y^e year ensuing

voted

11. Upon hearing y^e report of y^e Committee y^t went to treat with our Neighbours in Ipswich Farms & then answer to y^e Committee voted y^t y^e Town are willing to have our Neighbours in Ipswich Farms laid to us & to joyn with us to be one Town & y^e Town to be at one half of y^e whole Charge of their being laid to y^e Town, provided y^t our s^d Neighbours which live on y^e South Side of the River Shail & do sufficiently oblige themselves & their Heirs to find themselves a way over y^e River, so y^t y^e Town of Topsfield as a Town shall not be at y^e charge of making or maintaining a Bridge over y^e River for them

12. Mr Joseph Herrick, Dea^{cn} Ivory Hovey & Mr Nath^l Averill are Chosen a committee to see if our Neighbours in Ipswich farms will agree to y^e vote of y^e Town respecting their being laid to us: if they consent thereto then s^d Committee are to take Security of those gⁿ y^e South Side of y^e River agreeable to y^e vote of y^e Town; and also to joyn with Such as our s^d Neighbours shall choose to agree where & how to state a Line & s^d Committee to make return of their proceeding in s^d affair to y^e Town as soon as may be convenient

13. Benjamin How is Chosen to digg y^e graves

voted

14. The Town allowed to Mr. Jonathan Perkins so much as Will Mackitry was rated on y^e Lists when He was Constable

voted

15. The Town allowed to Mr Michael Dwinill Jun^r & Mr John Town Jun^r four shillings for perambulating with Wenham men on the line between y^e Towns in y^e year 1736

voted 00-4-00

16. The Town allowed to y^e School Committee viz to M^r Joshua Towne, M^r John Wilds & M^r Richard Towne eighteen pounds seventeen shillings & nine pence for defraying y^e Charges of y^e School for four months & three Days y^e year past
voted 18-17-9

17. The Town allowed to M^r Samuel Towne five shillings for Timber to mend y^e highway in y^e year 1734
voted 00-5-00

The Several Officers Chosen at the above s^d Town meeting of whom an oath is by the Laws Required all tooke the proper oath [of their] Respective offices on the Same Day of sd meeting. Except Jacob [] Thomas Dorman being Chosen a Haward or field Driver of [] Meadow Common fields: he was Sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of his office: before the Selectmen on y^e 1 of march 1736-7, Jacob Perkins Jun^r being Chosen Constable on y^e 1 of March 1736 was Sworn on the 14 Day of the same month

Entered by order of the Selectmen Jacob Peabody

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting; are hereby Notified & warned to assemble and meet together, at the Meeting house in Said Town on Wednesday the Twenty third Currant, at two of the Clock afternoon

- 1 To Chuse Jurymen for Ipswich Court
- 2 To Chuse a Committe to Supply the Town with a School for the year Ensuing
- 3 To Chuse a Surveyer of hemp & flax
- 4ly To Chuse overseers of the poor
- 5 To See if the Town will Give Liberty for Swine to go at Large as the Law Directs and to see if the Town will Do anything about a fish Course up Ipswich River
- 6 To hear and act upon Ipswich farmers answer to Topsfield Committe

Dat ^d Topsfield March y ^e 14 th 1736-7	Zacheus Gould
Israel Clark Constable of Topsfield	Daniel Redington
	Jacob Dorman
	John Wildes
	Benj ^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 23rd
1736-7

1 Lieu^t Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Grand Juryman for the year Ensuing voted

3 En^s Joseph Dorman & Mr Matthew Peabody are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 Mr Jesse Dorman, mr Joseph Andrew & mr David Comings are Chosen a Committe to Supply the Town with a School-master for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 Lieu^t Zacheus Gould is Chosen Surveyer of hemp & flax for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 The Town Gives Liberty for Swine to go at Large as y^e Law Gives Liberty voted

7 Mr Joseph Towne, Mr Joseph Herrick, & Mr Benjamin Towne are Chosen a Committe to go to the Neighbouring Towns to See if they will Joyn with us in Trying to Gitt a fish Course Cleard up Ipswich River and if the Neighbouring Towns or the Major part of them which the Said Committe Shall Treat with about s^d affair Shall See Cause to Joyn with us as afore s^d then Said Committe are hereby fully Impow-
ered to use all Proper means as the Law Directs to Git the Same Effectd voted

8 Inasmuch as this Town is very small and there being a Number of our Neighbours in Ipswich farms which are willing to be Laid or set off to this Town Therefore the Town Doe hereby Declare that they are willing to Receive our Said Neighbours into one Township with us and to have them with us in all Civill, and Ecclesiastical Priviledges they paying one half of the Charge of being set off as they agreed to doe: by their Committies Answer to our Towns Committe March 14 1736-7 voted

Mr Joseph Herrick Enters his Dissent from the Last vote because he would not be at any Cost about a Bridge for our said Neighbours on y^e South Side of the river

Cap^t Joseph Gould Mr George Bixbe & Mr Nathaniel [] Are Chosen a Committe to Joyn with Such Gentlemen as our sd [] have already Chosen to go and agree upon a Line

which they [] Most Convenient for our sd Neighbours to be Sett off by to this []

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting, are hereby Warned to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting house in Said Topsfield, on Tuseday the Tenth Currant at three of the Clock After Noon. first to Chuse a Representative to Serve for and Represent them at A Great and General Court to be holden at Boston for his Majesties Service

2 To See if the Town will Give Liberty for the Selectmen to Draw five pounds, Seven Shillings and Ten pence out of our Treasury to Pay a County Rate. And to See if the Town will Reckon with the Town Treasurer And to See how the Town will Dispose of the intrest of the Loan money

Dat^d Topsfield May the 5th 1737

Jacob Perkins Constable	Zacheus Gould	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	Daniel Redington	
	Benj ^a Towne	
	John Wildes	

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 10th 1737

1 Lieu^t Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Mr Nathaniel Bordman is Chosen Representative for y^e Town voted

3 The Town Gave Liberty for y^e Selectmen to Draw five pound Seven Shillings & Ten pence out of the Town Treasury to Pay the County Rate which is now Sent for voted

4 Voted that the Select [men] Shall Reckon with y^e Town Treasurer voted

5 Voted that the Trustees of y^e Towns Loan Money shall pay in y^e Towns part of s^d Loan to the Town Treasurer for y^e Towns use

Topsfield June y^e 27th 1737 There is taken up Dam[] by Joseph Neeland of Topsfield a Small horse about three or four year old: of a black or Dark brown Colour having a Short Dock but Neither brand nor Ear Mark the sd horse was apprizd at Six pound by Daniel Dresser of Boxford and Joseph Commings of Topsfield they were sworn before David Wood Esqr

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are Warned and Notified to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting house in Said Town on fryday the Twenty third Currant, at two of the Clock afternoon

1 To See how much money they will raise to Defray Town Charges for the year Ensuing

2ly To See how much money they will Allow to Mr Emerson more than his Sallary for the year Ensuing

3 To Choose Jury men for Newbery Court

4 To See if they will abate Josiah Kenney Deceased his Rates for his head for the year 1736

5 To Receive the Answer of our Neighbours in Ipswich farms and to Do and act on or about that affair as they Shall See Cause

6 To Allow bills of Charge. Dated in Topsfield Sep^t 17th 1737

Jacob Perkins Jun^r Constable

Daniel Redington	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Jacob Dorman	
John Willds	
Benj ⁿ Towne	

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t y^e 23rd 1737

1 Mr Joseph Herrick is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town Agreed that fourty pounds Shall be raised to Defray the Arising Charges of the Town for the year Ensuing
voted

3 Mr Joseph Herrick & Mr Benjamin Towne are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery

4 The Town Allowed Sixteen Shillings & Six pence to Mary Kenny widow And Relick of Josiah Kenney Late of Topsfield Deceased it being an abatement of sd Josiahs Rates for the year 1736

5 The Town agreed to Joyn with our Neighbours in Ipswich farms in Petitioning to the General Court that they and their Estates May be Laid to y^e Town of Topsfield as Town
voted

6 Voted that Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr George Byxbe be a Committe to Joyn with our s^d Neighbours or with Such as they Shall Appoint to petition as Afore Said

Topsfield January 10th 1737-8 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e Sum of Sixty pounds in full and y^e full of my Last years Salary from September 2nd 1736 to March 2nd 1736-7

by me John Emerson

Topsfield March 18th 1736-7 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of Sixty pounds in full and y^e full of my Last years Salary from September 2nd 1736 to March 2nd 1736-7

by me John Emerson

Topsfield ffebruary 3rd 1737-8 Received Eleven pound in full of this order & in full for my Salary to the 2nd of September 1737

by me John Emerson

The three Receipts Last Entred are True Copies

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are hereby Notified & warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield Tuseday y^e Seventh Day of March Next at Nine of y^e Clock in y^e fore noon

1 To Choose a Town Clerk, Constables, Selectmen and other Town Officers as the Law Directs Annually to be Chosen

2 To see what the Town will Do as to the Reverend Mr John Emersons Salary, as to y^e fall of y^e bills of Credit Since he Settled with us in y^e work of the Ministry

3 To See what the Town will Do as to the Repairing y^e parsonage fence

4 To Approbate Juriours as the Law Directs

5 To hear and act upon a Petition of Mr James Curtis and others of Boxford

6 To hear and Act on a Petition of Mr George Bixby & others Refering to Rams

7 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield February y^e 28th A: D: 1737-8

	Zacheus Gould	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	Daniel Redington	
Jacob Perkins Constable	Jacob Dorman	
	John Wildes	
	Benj ^a Towne	

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 7th
1737-8

- 1 Mr Joseph Herrick is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
ing voted
- 2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year En-
suing voted
- 3 William Perkins & Thomas Perkins are Chosen Consta-
bles for y^e year ensuing voted
- 4 Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e
year Ensuing voted
- 5 Joseph Herrick, Daniel Redington, David Commings,
Benjamin Towne and Joseph Perkins: are Chosen Selectmen
for the year Ensuing voted
- 6 Israel Towne is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year
Ensuing voted
- 7 George Bixby, Solomon Gould, & Samuel Towne: are
Chosen Tything Men for the year Ensuing voted
- 8 Ephraim Wildes, Samuel Curtis, & Nathan Hood: are
Chosen Surveyers of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted
- 9 Israel Clark, John Towne Jun^r, & Thomas Howlet are
Chosen fence viewers for the year Ensuing voted
- 10 Robert Perkins, & John Clark are Chosen Hogreaves
for y^e year Ensuing voted
- 11 Whereas William Perkins hath agreed with Dan Clark
to Serve for him as Constable: the Town Doth Accept of s^d
Clark in y^e room of s^d Perkins voted
- 12 The Town agreed to Give Thirty pounds to the Rev-
erend Mr John Emerson for the present year voted
- 13 The Town Agreed to Make Twenty Rods of good Suf-
ficient Stone wall about y^e Parsonage this year voted
- 14 Cor^l John Wildes & Phillip Towne are Chosen to make
up S^d Stone wall about the Parsonage and also to repair the
rest of y^e fence about the parsonage (which belongs to the
Town) with the old fence which they shall take up; where
they Make the wall voted

15 The Town having heard the Petition of Mr James Curtis And others of Boxford Concerning their being Set off to the Town of Topsfield. The Town Voted that they were willing to Receive them in Township with us voted

16 The Town Allowed one pound to Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey for Serving the two Last years as Town Treasurer
voted 1-0-0

17 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark Nine Shillings for Timber to mend the high ways in y^e year 1736 voted

18 The Town Allowed to Samuel Towne one pound one Shilling 1-1-0 for Timber to mend the high ways in the year 1737 voted

19 The Town Allowed to Benjamin How one pound Eight Shillings 1-8-0 for Sweeping the Meeting house y^e year past voted

The officers Chosen at the above s^d meeting were all Sworn as the Law Directs

Boston 25 octo 1737 Rec^d of Mr Daniel Gould Constable of Topsfield Sixty Six pound thirteen Shillings & Ten pence in full W^m ffrye Treas^r

This is a True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield March 21st 1738 Then Rec^d of Mr Daniel Gould one of the former Constables: the Sum of four pounds and Eleven Shillings & Six pence in full of his Rates Committed to me to Receive of him

I say Rec^d by me Ivory Hovey Treasurer
for s^d Town

This Last Receipt is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsf^d Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are notified and warned to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting house in s^d Town on Tuseday the Twenty first Day of March Instant at Two of the Clock after noon

1 To Choose Jury men according to Warrant for Ipswich Court

2 To Choose a Committe to Supply the Town with a School master for the year Ensuing

3 To See if the Town will Repair or amend the Glass of the Meeting house

4 To See if the Town will Give Liberty for Swine to go at Large as the Law Directs

5 To allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield March the 17: A: D 1737-8

Thomas Perkins Constable	Joseph Herrick	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	Daniel Redington	
	David Commings	
	Benj ⁿ Towne	

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 21st 1737-8

1 Mr Joseph Herrick is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey is Chosen to Serve on y^e Grand Jury for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Mr Daniel Clark & Mr Nathⁿ Capen are Drawn out of the Box to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich

4 Phineas Redington, mr Thomas Dwinel & Doe^t Richard Dexter are Chosen a Committe to provide a School master for the Town for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 The Town agreed that the present Selectmen Shall take Care to Git the Meeting house Glass windows repaired voted

6 The Town agreed that Swine May go at Large this year according as the Law gives Liberty voted

7 The Town Allowed fifteen Shillings to Thomas Dorman for Timber to mend the Bridge between Topsfield & Middleton 0-15-0

8 The Town Allowed fifteen pound to the School Committe viz Mr Jesse Dorman, Mr Joseph Andrew & David Commings for Defraying the Charges of the School fo[r] three months in y^e years 1737 & 1737-8 voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are hereby Notified and warned; to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting house in s^d Topsfield on Tuseday the Sixteenth Day of May Currant, at Two of the Clock After noon

1 To Choose a Representative to Serve in y^e Great and General Court to be holden at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty first Day of May Currant

- 2 To See if the Town will Reckon with y^e Town Treasurer
 - 3 To See if the Town will Give order to the Treasurer to
Sue for y^e Money Due for the Watch house
 - 4 To See if the Town will agree to build a School house
or houses
 - 5 To Allow bills of Charge
- Dat^d Topsfield May y^e 8 A: D: 1738

Thomas Perkins Constable of Topsfield	Joseph Herrick David Commings Daniel Redington Benj ⁿ Towne	} Selectmen of Topsfield
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- At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May: 16: 1738
- 1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative to Serve
at the General Court voted
 - 2 Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this Meet-
ing voted
 - 3 Voted that the Selectmen Shall Reckon with Town
Treasurer

4 Voted that y^e Town Treasurer Shall Receive the Money
which is Due to the Town for the Watch house, and for the
brick which Did belong to y^e s^d watch house

5 The Town Allowed to Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins Eighteen
Shillings for Timber he had of Joseph Peabody & Jacob
Averill to mend the high ways in the year 1737 voted

6 The Town Allowed Seven Shillings to Benjamin How
o-7-o for Sweeping the Meeting house the Months from y^e
first of March Last voted

7 The Town Allowed Thirty Six Shillings To the Trustees
for the £60000 Loan for their trouble About the Towns part
of sd Loan from May first 1736 till they had Sent in the fourth
fift part of Said Loan voted 1-16-0

Topsfield March 2nd 1737-8 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer fifty pound y^e full of this within written
order and y^e full of My Sallary to y^e 2nd of March 1737-8
by me John Emerson

The ffreholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield that
are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are hereby noti-
fied and warned to Assemble and Meet together at the Meet-
ing house in Said Town on Thursday the fourteenth Currant
at Two of the Clock afternoon

- 1 To Chuse Jury men for Newbery Court
- 2 To See what the Town will Do Concerning the Clay Ground reserved for the Towns use
- 3 To See how much Money the Town will raise to Defray Charges for the year Ensuing
- 4 to accept of the Selectmens reckoning with y^e Town Treasurer

5 to allow bills of Charge

Dat^d Topsfield Sep^t y^e 7th Anno: Domini 1738

Thomas Perkins	Joseph Herrick	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Constable of Topsfield	David Commings	
	Benj ^a Towne	

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 14th 1738

1 Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 Mr Thomas Baker & Mr Nath^l Porter Jun^r are Chosen by the Direction of Law to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery

3 Doc^t Michael Dwinel & Edmun Towne are Chosen to take the Enspection of the Clay Ground which belongs to the Town to See that No out Towns man or men Shall Dig or Carry away any Clay or brick from Said Clay Ground
voted

4 The Town agreed to raise Eighty pound (besides Mr Emersons Salary to Defray the charges of the Town the Ensuing year
voted

5 The Town accepted of the Selectmen Reckoning with y^e Town Treasurer

6 the Town Allowed Twenty pound to the School Committe viz To Phineas Redington & Thomas Dwinel: To pay M^r Hovey for keeping School two Months; And to pay M^r Howlet for keeping School two Months in the Spring and Summer past
voted 20-0-0

Topsfield May the 26th 1738 then Rec^d of y^e Trustees of y^e £60000 Loan viz Eliezer Lake Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody the Sum of Two pounds two Shillings and three pence in full for the Towns part of the interest of s^d Loan from May y^e 1: 1736 till May 1st 1737

I Say Rec^d by me Ivory Hovey Treasurer for sd Town

Boston 2 June, 1738 Rec^d of the Trustees of the Town of
Topsfield P hand Mr Joseph Gould fifty two pound Sixteen
shillings being the 4th 5th of the 60000[£] Loan & four pound
four Shillings Six pence Int^r to June 1737

£ 52-16-0

W. Frye Treasurer

4- 4-6
£ 57- 0-6

The Frecholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops-
field, such as are qualified, as y^e Law directs, for voting, are
hereby notified & warned to assemble & meet together at y^e
Meeting House in s^d Topsfield, on Tuesday y^e sixth Day of
March next ensuing the Date hereof at eight of y^e Clock in
y^e fore noon

1. To choose a Town Clerk, Constables, Selectmen & other
Town officers annually to be chosen

2. To see what y^e Town will do about M^r Emerson's Sal-
ary, or how much more they will allow him for y^e ensuing
year

3. To see what y^e Town will do about y^e Clay Ground re-
served for the Towns use

4. To allow Bills of Charge

5. To see what y^e Town will do relating to our neighbours
in Ipswich farms coming into Township with us. And to
Approve Juryors

6. To see what the Town will do about fencing the Par-
sonage

Dated Topsfield February y^e 22nd Anno Domⁿⁱ 1738-9

Thomas Perkins	}	Joseph Hirrick	}	Selectmen of Topsfield
Dan Clarke		Daniel Redington		
Constables of		David Cummings		
Topsfield		Benja Towne		

At a legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March 6 1738-9

1. M^r John Wildes is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2. Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year en-
suing voted

3. M^r Thomas Baker & M^r Dan Clarke are Chosen Con-
stables for y^e year ensuing voted

4. M^r Benjamin Towne Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins M^r Daniel

Gould M^r John Wildes & M^r Daniel Redington are Chosen Selectmen for the year ensuing voted

5. M^r David Balch is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year ensuing voted

6. M^r Israel Towne is Chosen sealer of leather for y^e year ensuing voted

7. M^r Luke Averill, M^r Nathan Peabody & M^r Joseph Perkins are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year ensuing voted

8. M^r Amos Dorman M^r John Davis & M^r Solomon Gould are Chosen Surveyers of highways for y^e year ensuing voted

9. Lieu^t Joseph Dorman Joseph Hovey & M^r Nathaniel Capen are Chosen fence viewers for y^o year ensuing voted

10. M^r Jeremiah Towne, M^r Isaac Estey & M^r Joseph Hirrick Jun^r are Chosen hogreeves for the year ensuing voted

11. M^r Nath^l Averill Jun^r M^r Eliezer Lake & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a committee to settle bounds with y^e Proprietors of the land that joyns upon y^e Clay Ground reserved for the Towns use voted

12. The Town manifested by a vote that they were willing to recieve our Neighbours in Ipswich farms into Township with us: and M^r Joseph Hirrick M^r George Bixby & M^r Joseph Towne are chosen a committee to treat with our s^d neighbours in Ipswich farms, to see upon what Terms they will joyn with us as [a] Township, and make return of their proceedings in s^d affair, to y^e Town at their next meeting voted

13. The Town allowed one pound nine shillings & six pence to M^r Daniel Clark for boarding y^e Glazers & keeping their horses while they mended the meeting House Glass the last winter voted 1-9-6

14. The Town allowed sixteen shillings & 6 pence to M^r Daniel Gould for John Spauldings rates voted 0-16-6

15. The Town allowed twenty one pounds sixteen shillings & eight pence to the School Comm^{tee} M^r Thomas Dwinell M^r Phinhas Redington & M^r Richard Dexter for defraying the Charges of the school for four months & eleven days the year past voted 21 16 8

16. The Town allowed to M^r Joseph Hirrick one pound fifteen shillings 1 15 0

and to M^r David Cummings three pounds five shillings

and to M^r Benjaⁿ Towne one pound twelve shillings 1 12 0
they having paid the afores^d Sums to the Glazers that
mended the Meeting House Glass y^e last winter voted

17. The Town allowed to M^r Epraim Wildes ten Shillings
and Six pence for Timber to Mend y^e highways y^e year past
voted 0-10-6

18. The Town allowed five shillings to M^r Sam^l Curtis for
timber to mend the highways the year past voted 0 5 0

19. The Town agreed to give to y^e Reven^d M^r John Em-
erson thirty pounds more than his Salary for this year voted

The Several Town officers Chosen at the Last Town Meet-
ing Which y^e Law requires to be Sworn All took the oath
belonging to their Respective Offices on the Sixth, and on
the Sixteenth Days of March 1738-9 (Except M^r David Balch
who was Chosen Town Treasurer And refused to Serve)

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting in Town
Meeting are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and
Meet together at the Meeting house in Said Topsfield on
Tuseday the Twentieth Day of March Currant at two of the
Clock afternoon

1 To Chuse Jury men for Ipswich Court According to
Warrant

2 To Choose a Town Treasurer

3. To Choose a Committee to Supply the Town with a
School master for the year Ensuing

4. To Accept of the return of the Committe that was to
Treat with our Neighbours in Ipswich farms Coming into
Township with us and to Act on that Affair as Shall be
Needfull

5 To Allow Swine to Go at Large as the Law Directs

6 To Allow bills of Charge

Dat^d Topsfield March the 16th A: D: 1738-9

Dan Clarke	} of Topsfield	John Wildes	} Selectmen
Constable		Tobijah Perkins	
		Daniel Gould	
		Benj ^a Towne	
			} of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 20th
1738-9

- 1 Mr John Wildes is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted
- 2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Serve on y^e Grand jury
y^e year Ensuing
voted
- 3 Mr Jesse Dorman and Mr Nathaniel Bordman are Drawn
out of the box to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the next In-
feriour Court to be holden at Ipswich
- 4 Mr Richard Towne is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e
year Ensuing
voted
- 5 Mr Nathaniel Porter Jun^r M^r David Commings & M^r
Matthew Peabody are Chosen a Committe to provide a
School master for the Town for the year Ensuing
voted
- 6 The Town Manifested by a Vote that they are willing to
Receive our Neighbours in Ipswich farms Lying on the North
Side of the River into Township with us they being at y^e
whole Charge of their being Sett off to this Town
- 7 Lien^t Tobijah Perkins and M^r Thomas Howlett are Cho-
sen to Inform our Said Neighbours of the Towns Last Vote
Concerning their being Laid to our Town, and to Desire an
answer from our Said Neighbours whether they will take up
with Said Vote or not and Make return to y^e Town at the
next Town meeting
voted
- 8 The Town agrees that Swine Shall go at Large this year
according as the Law Gives Liberty
voted
- 9 The Town allowed two Shillings and Six pence to Mr
Nathaniel Capen for Mending the West Gallary in y^e Meet-
ing house
voted
- 10 The Town Allowed one pound four Shillings & Six
pence 1 4-6 to Mr John Perkins for Sweeping the Meeting
[house] three Quarters of the Last year and for Mending
the Latch of the East Door
voted
- 11 The Town Allowed one pound 1-0-0 to Cap^t Ivory
Hovey for Serving Town Treasurer the two Last years
voted

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Salem Aprill 2^d 1739
this being the year for Perambulations according to Law the
s^d Selectmen have Agreed & Do hereby appoint and Impow-
er the persons here after Named or any two of them: to
Meet with such persons as the Selectmen of Topsfield Shall
Appoint on Monday y^e 23rd of Aprill Currant at Ten a Clock
at the house of Mr Samuel Porter to Perambulate & renew

the bounds between Salem & Topsfield viz Mess^r Samuel flint, Thomas Lee, Samuel Gardner, Samuel Carlton & Israel Andrew as by Record Appears

Attest John Higginson Town Cler

Pursuant to the within order and at the time therein Directed we Met & Perambulated and renewed the bounds between Salem & Topsfield: Begining at a Large White Oak Tree Marked S. W. T. with a heap of Stones around it Near Wenham Causey: And from thence to a heap of Stones between a black or Red Oak Stump (the Tree being Newly fell^d) and an old Stump in Bixbys orchard, and from thence to a heap of Stones near the Corner of Thomas Dwinels Pasture and from thence to a heap of Stones Near Nickolles Brook a Little above the Sawmill and So on in the same Course to s^d Brook

for
Topsfield } Joseph Herrick
 } Thomas O^{his} Dwinel
 } Benj^{mark}^a Towne
 } Nathaniel Porter Jun^r

for Salem } Tho Lee
 } Israel Andrew
 } Samuel flint

A True Copy Attest

Jacob Peabody Town Cler

We the Subscribers being appointed to Perambulate & renew the Bounds between Topsfield & Boxford accordingly Met on y^e 23rd of Aprill 1739 and Renewed the bounds Begining at y^e Apple tree in Cap^t Perleys field to a Stake and heap of Stones at the South Easterly Corner of Mr Bakers farm now in Boxford, and from thence to a Damm Called Andrews Damm near to Mr Thomas Goulds house And from thence: being the Place where the water Now runs under s^d Damm Southerly to a Stake and heap of Stones by the fishing Brook on the Easterly Side of the Rivulet runing into Said Brook and thence as s^d Brook runs into the river Called Ipswich River and thence up s^d River to Middleton Line

Jeremiah Perley
Ivory Hovey

A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody
T: Cler

John Andrew
Ephriam Wildes

The ffreholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield that are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting

are Notified & warned to Assemble & meet together at the Meeting house in Said Topsfield on fryday the Eleventh Day of May Currant at three of the Clock after noon

1 To Choose a Representative; to Serve in the General Court

2 To Reckon with Cap^t Hovey, former Treasurer for Topsfield

3 To Accept y^e Return of the Committe, that was to Treat with our Neighbours in Ipswich farms, Comming into Township with us And to Act on that Affair

4 To Allow Bills of Charge

5 To Chuse a Grave Diger

6 To See what the Town will do about the Line between Wenham and Topsfield

Dated Topsfield May the Second Day A: D: 1739

Dan Clarke

Daniel Redington

Constable of Topsfield

John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

} Selectmen
of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 11th 1739

1 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Representative to Serve at the General Court at their Several Sessions the year Ensuing

voted

2 And then Mr Daniel Redington was Chosen Moderator to order the other affairs of s^d meeting

voted

3 voted That the Selectmen Shall Reckon with Cap^t Ivory Hovey a former Town Treasurer

4 Cap^t Ivory Hovey, Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody are Appointed and Chosen they or Either of them to Joyn with our Neighbours in Ipswich Farms Lying on y^e North Side of the River in Petitioning to the Town of Ipswich and also to y^e Generall Court in order to git our s^d Neighbours Set off from Ipswich to Topsfield: provided our Said Neighbours will be at y^e whole Charge of s^d affair

voted

5 The Town Allowed To Cap^t Ivory Hovey four pounds six shillings and three pence: So much being in two former Constables hands which s^d Hovey could not recover when he was Treasurer

voted

6 The Town Allowed fourty Shillings to Mr John Wildes

for Sixty rails & Twelve posts and for setting them upon y^e parsonage and for Mending up Some other parsonage fence
voted 2-0-0

Voted that Cap^t Joseph Gould Mr John Wildes and Mr Edmond Towne Mr Nathaniel Averill Jun^r & Jacob Peabody or the Major part of them be a Committe to Meet with Such Men as the Town of Wenham hath Appointed or Shall Ap point to fix and Settle A Corner bounds between Wenham & Topsfield on Salem Line in the place where a Straight Line from the heap of Stones (which Wenham and Topsfield have often renewed as a Corner bounds) to the Plump of Maples in the Divisional Line between Said Towns Crose Said Salem Line

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified as the Law Directs for Voting: are hereby Notified & Warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Munday the Seventeenth Day of September Currant at one of the Clock afternoon

1 To Choose Jury men for Newbery Court

2 To See if the Town will Do any thing about Mr Emersons Salary

3 To See if y^e Town will Give y^e Committe y^t was Chosen to Settle bounds with Wenham any further Power

4 To See how much Money y^e Town will raise this year

5 To Allow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield September 12th 1739

Tho ^s Baker Constable:	Benj ^a Towne	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	John Wildes	
	Daniel Redington	

A True Copy of y^e Notification attest Jacob Peabody T: Cl

At a Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t y^e 17th 1739

1 Mr John Wildes is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 Mr Nathaniel Averill Jun^r & Mr Thomas Howlet are Chosen to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbury
voted

3 Voted that the Selectmen Shall raise a Tax of Eighty pounds to Defray the Town Charges this year

4 Whereas the Committe that was Chosen the Eleventh of May Last in order to Settle y^e bounds between Wenham and Topsfield: Have not agreed with Wenham Committe about the bounds: and after Some Discourse on s^d affair the Question was put whether the Town will Give our s^d Committe any further Power in order to Said Settlement and it passed in the Negative

5 The Town allowed the School Committe viz Mr Matthew Peabody, Mr Nathaniel Porter Jun^r & Mr David Commings 13-15 0 thirteen pound fifteen Shillings to pay the School master for two Months & three weeks Service in keeping School this year voted

6 The Town Allowed one pound thirteen Shillings & three pence 1-13-3 to Mr Benjamin Towne, for buying Several Measures for the Town and for Gitting the Town Waights and Measures Seal[e]d voted

7 The Town Allowed one pound Six Shillings to Phillip Towne for 20 five hole posts & two Days work about y^e parsonage voted

8 The Town Gave the Towns old half bushel to Dan Clark for bringing a New half bushel from Salem voted

Boston 3^d July 1739 Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield p hand Mr Jacob Peabody Fifty two pounds Sixteen Shillings being the Last 5th of the 60000 £ Loan, and two pounds two Shillings three pence interest to June 1738

W^m Frye Treasurer

This is A True Copy of y^e Treasurers Receipt Attest Jacob Peabody T Cler

September y^e 30th 1739 The Congregation in Topsfield Contributed the Sum of Eight pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six pence towards the Support of the Reverend Mr Torrys Cause in Secureing the Ministerial Lands in Narranganset for a Congregational Minister Which Sum I Delivered to the Revcrend Mr Thomas Prince a Pastor of y^e old South church in Boston and took a Receipt for y^e Same

Jacob Peabody

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